



Imelda crawls on her knees to the altar in St. Patrick's Cathedral to pray after her acquittal.

Play it again

Manila owes \$26 billion

Cory opposes debt limitation

NEW YORK, July 16, (AP): Two weeks after a federal jury acquitted her of fraud, Imelda Marcos has been ordered by the US Justice Department to face grand jury questioning in second criminal proceeding.

Mrs Marcos said two federal agents served her Friday with a subpoena to appear in Pittsburgh on Sept 25. The case involves a nuclear power plant the Westinghouse Electric Corp. Built in the Philippines in the early 1980s, when her husband, the late Ferdinand Marcos, still was president of the Philippines.

The current Philippines government has sued Westinghouse, alleging it built a plant that could not be operated.

"They said they want me to come and bring all my documents. I don't really know what this is all about," Mrs Marcos told the Associated Press on Saturday during a party she organised to thank jurors from her trial.

The subpoena, a copy of which was obtained by the AP, was issued under the name of Theodore S. Green, deputy chief of the Justice Department's fraud section in Washington. It does not indicate whether Mrs Marcos is a target of the investigation.

A source close to Mrs Marcos, asking not to be identified, said she "definitely will appear" as

ordered unless the government advises her that she is a target of the inquiry, in which case she would refuse.

US Attorney Thomas W. Corbett Jr of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania declined to comment, citing the secrecy of grand jury proceedings.

The subpoena, dated July 11 by the US District Court in Pittsburgh, instructed Mrs Marcos to bring documents "relating directly or indirectly to the payment of commissions or anything of value" by Westinghouse or Burns and Roe Inc, to the Marcoses or their agents since Jan 1, 1973.

to Pittsburgh. Westinghouse spokesman Paul B. Jones said the subpoena served on Mrs Marcos may bear some relation to a lawsuit filed by the government of President Corazon Aquino, which is still seeking to recover millions of dollars allegedly diverted by the Marcoses.

Jones said safety concerns stemming from the accident at Pcoosylvania's Three Mile Island nuclear power plant delayed the Philippines plant's opening. After Aquino took office, the safety concerns became a political issue, he said.

"The Philippine government sued Westinghouse because the plant was sitting there. They chose not to operate it," Jones said. He declined to discuss further details of the suit.

Crisis eases as Chautala quits

Second time in two months

NEW DELHI, July 16, (Agencies): A controversial figure in the ruling National Front government of Prime Minister V.P. Singh bowed to internal pressure and resigned today, easing the worst political crisis of Singh's 7-month-old rule.

Janata Dal Party President S.R. Bommai announced that Om Prakash Chautala had quickly accepted the organization's appeal and resigned his position as chief minister of the Haryana state government.

Chautala is the son of Deputy Prime Minister Devi Lal. His resignation further defused the government crisis and appeared to be a political victory for Singh, who was engaged in a power struggle with his deputy over whether Devi Lal's son would be allowed to continue in office.

Scores held in Pakistan

Blasts toll rises to 57

KARACHI, July 16, (UPI): Police detained about 80 people today, most of them members of a Sindh militant organisation, in connection with a series of bomb blasts in southern Pakistan which killed at least 57 people, authorities and hospital sources said.

Troops, meanwhile, stepped up patrols in Karachi and Hyderabad, fearing Sunday's incidents could spark another flare-up of the ethnic unrest that has left more than 1,000 people dead in Sindh province in the past four years. No incidents were reported, however.

Five explosions ripped through a downtown market area of Hyderabad, 120 miles (193 km) northeast of the southern port of Karachi, during a one-hour period Sunday afternoon. A sixth blast destroyed a carriage of a moving passenger train about 30 miles (48 km) north of Hyderabad.

Hospital sources said 41 people died in the market attacks and 16 on the train. Several of them died today in the hospital. At least 159 people were wounded, 20 of them aboard the train, the sources said.

Police said they defused a seventh bomb in the same area as the first five late Sunday. They said the device was home-made and had been hidden under a cart.

Officials in Hyderabad said they suspect militants of the Jiyi Sind organisation, which is seeking independence for southern Sindh province, planted the bombs. They said police have taken into custody about 60 Jiyi Sind members and some 20 other

people in connection with the attacks.

Meanwhile, soldiers continued today to collect body parts strewn around the devastated area where the blasts occurred. Several shops and houses lay in ruins, while others were splattered with blood. The explosions left craters of up to 3 feet (1m) deep in roads and sidewalks.

Troops have been on the streets of Hyderabad and Karachi since late May, when more than 100 people were killed in communal violence. Curfews in the two cities were lifted earlier this month.

Police said most of Sunday's victims were Mohajirs, whose families migrated to Pakistan from India following the 1947 partition of the subcontinent.

The Sindhis believe they are being made a minority in Sindh by the Mohajirs and natives of other provinces of Pakistan. The Mohajirs feel they are discriminated against by the other ethnic groups.

Sunday's attack came during a one-day strike called by the Jiyi Sind to demand the release from jail of its leader, Qadir Magi, who was arrested in connection with the massacre of more than 250 people in Hyderabad in September 1988.

Witnesses said Jiyi Sind members earlier Sunday had forced several shops in Hyderabad to close in observance of the strike.

Officials said the strike was almost total in the Sindh-dominated rural areas of the province, but said Sindh's two main cities of Hyderabad and Karachi, where most of the Mohajirs live, were largely unaffected.



Two victims of bomb blasts receive treatment at their home after six bombs went off in Hyderabad. (Reuter wirephoto)

De Guzman 'eliminated'

'Buyer' DEA agent

MANILA, Philippines, July 16, (AP): An American identified as a "huyer" in a drug deal that left a colonel and two other alleged dealers dead was actually a US undercover agent, official confirmed today.

Last Tuesday, police and National Bureau of Investigation agents shot and killed Col Rolando de Guzman, deputy chief of the military's Northern Luzon Command, his intelligence chief Maj. Franco Calanog and a military informant.

Escaped

The police contended the three were killed during a shootout that started during an aborted heroin deal in suburban Makati. The NBI said the American huyer, Phil Needham, had escaped.

Today, however, the Philippine Daily Inquirer newspaper identified Needham as a US Drug Enforcement Administration agent from Bangkok, Thailand, who posed as the huyer.

Stanley Schragar, spokesman for the US embassy confirmed that a Phil Needham was assigned to the DEA office in Bangkok and had been working with the NBI on an investigation. He declined further comment.

The Associated Press telephoned the DEA office in Bangkok and asked for Needham, but was told he had "just stepped out."

NBI director Alfredo Lina said De Guzman and the others tried to sell \$10 million worth of heroin, but that shooting erupted when police closed in on the sale.

Doubts

De Guzman's colleagues in the military branded the killings "cold-blooded murder" and said their investigation showed the three were shot at close range. That raised doubts about the report of a shootout.

Military chief of staff Gen. Renato de Villa ordered the arrest of all police and NBI agents involved in the operation until an investigation was completed.

29 killed as troops move to N. Lanka

COLOMBO, July 16, (Agencies): Twenty-six Tamil guerrillas and three government soldiers were killed today in fierce battles in eastern Sri Lanka, the government said.

The Defence Ministry reported the casualties hours after Deputy Defence Minister Rajan Wijeratne said the security forces had launched a fresh offensive in the north against Tamil separatists.

The northern drive began at the weekend after operations against the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam had been virtually completed in the east, Wijeratne told a news conference.

The Defence Ministry said 11 Tigers were killed in a battle that erupted in the eastern Trincomalee district when rebels fired on security forces conducting a mopping up operation.

Three soldiers died and four were wounded, it said. In the eastern Batticaloa district, 15 guerrillas were killed when the security forces opened fire as they tried to escape in two boats after setting off a landmine.

The ministry said two soldiers were wounded in the mine explosion as the security forces conducted a clearing up operation at Kallady in Batticaloa.

There was no independent confirmation of the casualties. Wijeratne said the security forces had cleared guerrillas from towns and villages in the eastern sector.

The Tigers have been fighting for almost two decades for a separate state for minority Tamils in the north and east.

Most of the rebels who fought in the east after the Tigers launched a surprise offensive on June 11 have now fled to the jungles where they are being pursued by government troops, Wijeratne said.

He said some of the soldiers who had fought in the east had been sent as reinforcements to the north.

Major General Demil Kobbekaduwa, who led the forces in the east, has been appointed overall commander of the fresh drive in the north where the rebels are stronger.

Defence Ministry Secretary, General Cyril Ranatunga, said 244 soldiers and 289 policemen had been killed in the five-week war. Unofficial estimates placed the death toll among the Tigers at about 500 bringing the total deaths, including civilians, to more than 1100.

Ranatunga said 391 of the 690 policemen captured by the Tigers, when they overran 30 police stations in the first wave of attacks, were still missing.

The Tigers launched the attacks on police stations and army establishments in the northern and eastern sectors of the island after abandoning 14 months of peace talks with the government.

The decision to open an offensive against the northern strongholds of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam indicates the military is confident that it has successfully eliminated any serious threat from guerrillas in the eastern part of the country.

"Our forces have had a few days rest and are now being inducted into the north," Wijeratne said.

Ministers meet tomorrow

Peace plan on Kashmir

BAHRAIN, July 16, (Reuters): Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto said in Bahrain today Pakistan would present India with a plan to end unrest in Kashmir during talks between the foreign ministers of both countries to Islamabad.

The Gulf News Agency said Benazir told her Bahraini counterpart Sheikh Khalifa Bin Sulayman Al Khalifa that Pakistan drew up the initiative to avert a military confrontation with India. There were no further details.

A seven-month-old rebellion in the predominantly Muslim province aimed at either union with Pakistan or independence has put India and Pakistani forces on alert along the border.

Foreign Ministry officials of both states were due to meet in Islamabad on Wednesday.

Benazir was visiting Bahrain on the last leg of an Arab tour to drum up support ahead of a July 30 meeting of Islamic foreign ministers in Cairo.

Her talks with Sheikh Khalifa and other senior officials also covered the situation in the Gulf, the Palestine problem, and the Lebanese crisis, the agency said.

Bahrain prime minister pledged to Benazir that his country will work for conciliation between Pakistan and India for a permanent solution to the Kashmir problem.

The official Gulf News Agency, reporting on the talks, said Benazir told the Bahraini leaders that "her country does not seek military confrontation."

GNA said Benazir affirmed to the Bahraini leadership that her country seeks to defuse the tension with India and had thus launched an initiative for a foreign ministers' meeting in

Islamabad.

"Sheikh Khalifa affirmed Bahrain's stand of seeking to mediate between the two neighbouring states of Pakistan and India," GNA said.

The Pakistani Foreign Minister Yaqub Khan split off from the delegation earlier in the day and headed for Saudi Arabia.

India and Pakistan open talks this week aimed at soothing fears of another war over Kashmir, but diplomats say "both sides" appear to be digging in their heels on the central issues of the dispute.

Indian Foreign Secretary Mukund Dubey arrives tomorrow and will meet his Pakistani counterpart Tanvir Ahmed Khao on July 18 and 19 for talks.

The meeting will have no specific agenda, but officials in Islamabad said the Muslim revolt in Indian-held Kashmir will be the principal issue on the table.

"One shouldn't be looking for anything substantial out of (the talks)," one Western diplomat said. "We might see movement on some subsidiary issues, such as troop development or contacts between the two sides."

The Indian military was searching today for one of its helicopters missing with three senior army officers aboard near the tense border with Pakistan, officials said.

They said the search by six air force helicopters and army units was hampered by bad weather, and no trace of the helicopter had been found by afternoon.

The officials said a general, a brigadier, a colonel and two pilots were aboard the army helicopter when it lost contact on Saturday while on its way to Poonch, one of the most tense areas along the border.

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PR woman wins damages: A Canadian-based public relations consultant won substantial undisclosed libel damages yesterday over a London newspaper report of rumours of a romance between her and Mark Phillips, the estranged husband of Britain's Princess Anne.

New Zealand-born Kathy Birks, who lives in Toronto, sued over an article in the tabloid Today last September, headlined "Mark's falling under the spell of seductive Kathy," which alleged she had become Phillips' constant companion on his business trips across the Atlantic.

Birks' lawyer Keith Schilling told the High Court in London that the article appeared after the announcement last August that Phillips and Princess Anne were to live apart.

Soviet oil output hit: Soviet oil and gas output has been disrupted by pipeline accidents in the key oil-producing region of Tyumen in western Siberia, the official Tass news agency reported yesterday.

The past six months saw 1,132 ruptures in pipelines at oil fields, 15 per cent more than over the same period last year, "it quoted local government leader L. Roketsky as saying.

"As a result, 300,000 tonnes of oil were lost," he said.

The Soviet Union, the world's biggest oil producer and home of the largest natural gas reserves, last year pumped about 607 million tonnes of oil (including gas condensate), against 1988 output of 624 million tonnes and a target of 631 million tonnes.

People file suit: A dozen people filed suit against the government yesterday to block the transport of deadly US chemical weapons through a densely populated region of West Germany.

"This (suit) is the result of the ignorant action of the federal government in a hurried and secret operation," Angelika Beer, a member of parliament for the environmentalist Greens Party, told a news conference.

Two killed, 12 wounded in California parking lot shooting

STOCKTON, July 16, (UPI): Police arrested one suspect and searched for at least two others today following a shooting that left two people dead and 12 wounded near the site of a 1989 schoolyard massacre, police said.

The gunmen drove through a two-lane parking lot about 1:30 am Sunday, firing wildly in a shooting spree that may have been triggered by a light on the property a few minutes before, one victim said.

Police found 14 people sprawled in the parking lot, two of them dead and another 12

wounded. Seven people remained hospitalized last night.

"There were people laying all over the parking lot and a lot of blood," Sgt Edward Williams said. "It was pretty shocking."

Frank Johnson, who suffered gunshot wounds in the head, said one of the men involved in the fight, apparently over a woman, left and "him and his friends came back and started shooting up everybody around the parking lot."

One suspect was arrested and at least two

Most beautiful sheep: Jetti the ewe has been crowned the most beautiful sheep in Pakistan for 1991.

The fluffy champion from Dhakoo village in Chakwal district celebrated her victory by dancing to traditional Pakistani music, the PPI news agency reported today.

"She also greeted and pleased the audience by putting her front leg to her forehead as a gesture of salam (greeting) to the overjoyed crowd," the agency said.

Thieves steal necklace: Thieves used a three-tonne truck to smash the window of one of London's most exclusive jewellers yesterday and escaped with a diamond necklace reported to be worth almost half a million pounds sterling (\$900,000).

The thieves struck at Asprey's, a New Bond Street shop which supplies gems to the royal family, as the busy West End district was filling with morning shoppers.

The shooting occurred about 4 miles (7 km) from the site of the Jan 17, 1989, schoolyard massacre in which five children were killed and 30 others wounded.

In that attack, Patrick Purdy, a 24-year-old drifter who dressed himself in combat gear, opened fire with an AK-47 assault rifle during a recess at the Cleveland Elementary School, then committed suicide.

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Trial to begin in suit alleging record album led to suicide

RENO, Nevada, July 16, (AP) A judge will hear a lawsuit Monday against the British rock band Judas Priest that alleges one of their records contained subliminal messages to "do it" and caused two fans to shoot themselves.

Raymond Belknap, 18, held a sawed-off shotgun to his chin and died instantly from a single blast Dec 23, 1985.

James Vance, 20, blew away the lower portion of his face. Horribly mutilated, he lived three more years, underwent repeated operations and fathered a child before his death on Thanksgiving Day 1988 of complications from his injuries and a reaction to medication.

In one song by the popular heavy metal rock band, "Beyond the Realm of Death," the band sings: "Yeah, I have left the world behind. I am safe now in my mind. I'm free to speak with my own mind. This is my life, this is my life, and I'll decide, not you."

The trial will focus on whether there was a second, all-but-inaudible set of lyrics whispered in the background as a subliminal message.

Attorneys for the Vance and Belknap families say the two formed a suicide pact

after drinking beer, smoking marijuana and listening to the "Stained Class" album over and over again.

They will try to convince judge Jerry Carr Whitehead that subliminal messages on the album convinced the two friends that "the answer to life is death."

Lawyers for Judas Priest and CBS Records will argue it was the young men's troubled lives, including a history of drug and alcohol abuse, psychiatric disorders and physical abuse, that pushed them over the edge. They deny any subliminal mes-

sages exist or that the band promotes Satan and suicide.

"I don't believe that we'd have had the support and following that we've had for the past 17 years had we deliberately attempted to contrive to create songs where people did harm to themselves," lead singer Robert Halford said in a 1988 deposition.

Whitehead has already denied a defence motion to dismiss the case on grounds the record was protected by the First Amendment, saying that such protection exists for regular music and lyrics but not "secret hidden messages that the recipient does not

know exist."

The judge stressed that he has no knowledge of whether such subliminal messages exist on "Stained Class," but ruled attorneys should be allowed to present their case to the court.

The lawsuit is proceedings as a products liability case, accusing the band and CBS Records of negligence and intentional and reckless misconduct. It seeks unspecified punitive and compensatory damages.

More than 100 witnesses are expected to testify during the non-jury trial, which is

expected to last four weeks.

Band members will attend the trial, but attorneys said they have been unable to locate the original, multi-track recording of the album that could have made it easier to determine whether there were subliminal messages.

Attorneys for the families do not dispute that the two young men were troubled. But they argue in court filings that because of their faults, the two were "susceptible, influenced and vulnerable to the ideas, suggestions and emotions" already hidden in the music.



Family get-together

Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy's son Senator Edward M. Kennedy (centre ten jacket) and daughter Eunice Kennedy Shriver (right) share a laugh with her grandsons (from left) Edward Jr., Christopher, Patrick and Robert F. Kennedy Jr., and at right picture shows Maria Shriver, her husband Arnold



Schwarzenegger and their daughter Katherine Eunice smile as they join Kennedy family members posing for photographers at Rose Kennedy's 100th birthday party in the Kennedy compound in Hyannisport, Massachusetts, on Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)

PEOPLE AND PLACES

PEQUEA, Pennsylvania: A 13-year-old girl was behind the wheel and her uncle was using one hand to help steer when a station wagon drove into a rain-swollen creek, killing four young children, police said Sunday.

The 13-year-old girl Heather Conrad, was able to swim to shore and her uncle, 27-year-old Donald Duncan was pulled from the car by rescuers Saturday night.

But the other four children in the car, ranging in age from 3 to 7, had "absolutely no chance," said Chief Samuel S. Goss of the Conestoga township police in Lancaster county.

"We did our best. We tried," said Bruce Kline, a 28-year-old steelworker who helped try to rescue the youngsters. "The car was in deep." (AP)

WHEELING, West Virginia: Singer John Phillips, who once had a \$1,000-a-day cocaine habit, says he still struggles to avoid old temptations.

"The urge is indescribable sometimes," said the founder of the Mamas and the Papas, who performed with the band here Thursday night.

Phillips, 54, said he managed to wean himself off drugs in a rehabilitation clinic after being arrested on drug charges in 1980. Recovery isn't easy, especially in the music business because drugs are easily obtained backstage, Phillips said.

"I'm much better around it (drugs) now. It takes a long time to get over cocaine." (AP)

WARSAW, Poland: A vacationing Lech Walesa has broken his arm, state television reported.

The accident occurred during the Solidarity leader's annual summer getaway in the Kaszubian lakes region in northern Poland, where he has a cabin.

There were contradictory versions of how it happened.

State television reported Friday that Walesa fell from a ladder Thursday, breaking his right arm. It gave no further details.

A source close to Walesa's office in Gdansk said he was told Walesa

Toilet Relief for the roofers

COLOGNE, West Germany, July 16, (Reuter): To the relief of roofers, Cologne cathedral will get a lofty loo 200 feet (70 metres) above the nave of the soaring St Peter's Cathedral. "Germany's most expensive toilet," said the Bild newspaper today of the "sky-loo" with heated floor and warm running water that will cost about 260,000 marks (\$160,000).

Besides the bathroom the men who work on the roof and the 400-feet (160-metre) towers above the Rhine will also get a luncheon of their own under the roof.

Rain gutter sanitation should dramatically improve.

Master roofer Erwin Woyke, who has put in 37 years maintaining the Gothic cathedral's roof, approved: "We must spend days every year just climbing up and down to the vestry toilet or the workyard WC," he said.

was injured in a traffic mishap Tuesday while driving his van loaded with lumber for cabin repairs. Walesa himself could not be reached for comment. His cabin has no telephone. (AP)

NASHVILLE, Tennessee: Foreclosure proceedings against country music star Tammy Wynette have been dropped after the singer made a substantial payment on the \$1.5-million estate, an attorney says.

The proceedings began this month after Ms. Wynette was late in making her mortgage payment, said her attorney, Ralph Gordon. A local bank had already approved a loan to allow her to pay off the mortgage



Miss Globe 1990

Youmery Ortega Sanchez of Venezuela who was chosen Miss Globe 1990 is crowned by first runner-up Maria del Florio (right) of Spain and Tinnia Susanna Vierto of Finland (left) on Sunday in Miss Globe beauty pageant in which 24 countries' representatives participated in the northwest Turkish city of Bursa. (Reuter wirephoto)

for the eight-acre estate," he said.

Robert Doyle, an attorney for the estate's previous owners, Mm and Naomi Lytle, said the proceedings were dropped Friday after Ms Wynette paid an undisclosed amount.

Ms Wynette had been hospitalized last week with Pranchitis but was resting at home Saturday. The singer went in the emergency room of Breach medical centre in Lebanon, Mo., and later transferred to a hospital in Nashville, said a spokesman for her record label, Epic Records. (AP)

SEATTLE: The cosmonauts and astronauts whose Soyuz and Apollo spacecrafts were linked in space 15

years ago predicted Sunday that their nations would co-operate in space again, with a US-Soviet mission to Mars within the next 20 years.

Retired air force Lt. Gen. Thomas Stafford said the July 16, 1975 mission, in which the Apollo docked with the Soyuz and the crews moved freely between the two spacecraft, cleared the way for further super-cooperation in space.

Donald Slayton, 66, who served as docking-module pilot for the three-member Apollo crew, said the members of the mission had expected the hook-up to lead quickly to greater US-Soviet co-operation, but that has not occurred. (AP)

NUCLA, Colorado: Hunters bagged nearly 3,000 prairie dogs in a weekend hunt and the grateful organizers of the event said howls of protest from animal rights activists had done nothing but attract more business.

When the shoot was announced in April it drew criticism from Gov. Roy Romer and Rep Ben Nighthorse Campbell, but Mayor John Vanderpool and shoot organizer Mike Melow told the critics to "huzz off."

On Sunday, Melow said he was grateful for their attentions, which drew additional hunters and news media to the event. (AP)

Bernstein cancels shows

Conductor suffering from exhaustion

TOKYO, July 16, (AP): Conductor Leonard Bernstein has cancelled several performances in Japan and will return to the United States to recover from exhaustion and illness, his manager announced.

"Leonard Bernstein is suffering from exhaustion as a result of trying to fulfill his professional obligations while not having fully recovered from several ailments he suffered this spring. Complete rest for an extended period is required if this remarkable man is

to regain his usual high energy level," said Dr Kevin Cahill, the conductor's personal physician.

Cahill's comment was provided in a statement released by Harry Kraut, Bernstein's manager and executive vice-president of video music productions.

Bernstein has suffered from severe influenza, pleurisy, and pneumonia since the beginning of the year, the statement said.

Seismic forecast rattles residents

A SCIENTIST'S prediction that a quake might strike Missouri and neighbouring states Dec 2 appears to have shaken loose the seismic fears of people in the nation's heartland.

But no panic followed the prediction by climatologist then Browning — who claims to have forecast the Oct 17 San Francisco Bay area quake — whose theories are disputed by most seismologists.

Along the New Madrid fault, the example of the northern California quake, coupled with Browning's forecast, has raised awareness of earthquakes and earthquake safety.

Insurance sales are up, a school district has tentatively cancelled classes and two states' national guards have scheduled drills that week.

The fault, which roughly follows the Mississippi river from Missouri to Illinois, may not be as well known as the San Andreas fault in California, but it commands respect among earthquake experts.

The last sizeable quake on the fault was in 1895, but that's not the one people talk about. The big one — actually, the big three or four — occurred in 1811 and 1812, when a series of quakes centred in New Madrid, Missouri, rocked much of the eastern half of the nation.

The quakes rang church bells in Washington, DC and are said to have made the Mississippi river run backward. They have been estimated at around 6 on the Richter Scale.

The quakes have become part of the folklore of the region. But until recently, that was about as far as it went.

"We talked about it for years," said Sheriff Jake Rone of New Madrid County, "but we never really got serious about it until this thing happened."

The thing that has people talking up and down the new Madrid fault is a projection by Browning of a major quake in the region Dec 2 or 3.

Browning, 72, an investor and climate consultant from Tijeras, New Mexico, bases his projection on a convergence of tidal forces, which he believes can put stress on earthquake faults. But he stresses it's a possibility, not a certainty, that such a quake will happen.

He claims to have predicted last October's California quake using the same method — he says he warned a group of executives in San Francisco seven days before the quake.

Insurance agents in Arkansas say their business is quake insurance policies picked up noticeably after the California tremor and dramatically after word of Browning's projection became public in March.

The director of Indiana's emergency management agency doesn't necessarily believe the forecast, but he doesn't disbelieve it either.

"I basically have taken the position we are not going to ignore this prediction," Jerry Hauser said. (AP)

British actress Lockwood dies

Biggest money-maker

LONDON, July 16, (AP): Actress Margaret Lockwood, the beautiful brunette who starred in Alfred Hitchcock's 1938 classic "The Lady Vanishes" and was the British film industry's biggest money-maker of the 1940s, died yesterday, Cromwell Hospital said.

She was 73. The hospital said she died peacefully. It said the family had asked for no other details to be released.

Born in Karachi, Pakistan, on Sept 15, 1916, she had her first stage role at age 12 as a fairy in Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

She trained at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art and made her first film, "Lorna Doone," when she was 19.

Other notable films included "Night Train to Munich," "The Man in Gray," and the 1945 hit "The Wicked Lady," parts of which had to be reshot before it could be screened in the United States because her neckline was considered too daring.

In "The Wicked Lady," with James Mason, she played an aristocratic lady who joins a highwayman in his life of crime.

"Once there was a period when no British film seemed complete without her getting severely bruised in period costume by James Mason," the critic Sheridan Morley wrote last year. By 1957 she had acted in more than 40 films. Her last film



Former British film idol Margaret Lockwood whose career spanned more than 50 years died on Sunday in London's Cromwell Hospital. (Reuter wirephoto)

appearance was in 1976, in a cameo role in "The Slipper and The Rose."

She featured in the popular 1960s British Broadcasting Corp. series "The Flying Swan," co-starring her daughter Julia, and in a series called "Justice" in the 1970s.

Swiss prefer homeopathy

GENEVA, July 16, (Kuna): Demonstrating the increasing popularity of homeopathy in Switzerland, a recent survey has shown that more than half of the population will accept a natural treatment for an ailment.

In its latest edition, a Swiss weekly, L'Hebdo, said that in light of the upsurge in interest and use of homeopathic treatments, insurance companies, unlike in the past, were beginning to reimburse certain homeopathic medications.

The Foundation of Homeopathy, which was created by the German Samuel Hahnemann in 1790, lays on the pillar of inversion of effect, that is a substance's toxic effect and its therapeutic one are analogous.

L'Hebdo pointed out, for example, that a bee's venom, which provokes burning sensations, will cure the same pains if it is administered in infinitely small doses. For Hahnemann, in fact, the smaller the dose of the substance, the stronger the effect.

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Anti-Semitic woman stabs 4 Jewish schoolboys

Charged with attempted murder, remanded to psychiatric facility



Ambulance officers put one of four Jewish schoolchildren stabbed by a woman shouting anti-Semitic remarks into an ambulance at a Jewish school in Auckland yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)

AUCKLAND, July 16, (UPI): A woman shouting anti-Semitic slurs stabbed four Jewish schoolboys today on a playground and was arrested, police and witnesses said.

Pauline Janet Williamson, 52, was arrested and charged with four counts of attempted murder after attacking the boys at the Jewish Community Centre school in downtown Auckland, police said.

Six-year-old twins Nicklas and Samuel Henderson underwent surgery in Auckland hospital for serious stab wounds. Damien Bre, 8, had surgery for a punctured lung, and Simon Clark, 6, was treated for cuts and shock, police said.

Witnesses told police the woman was yelling anti-Semitic slogans as she attacked the children on the school's playground.

During the court hearing, Williamson became hysterical and had to be removed and taken to a psychiatric hospital, the spokesman said.

Witnesses said the woman was disarmed by a male teacher on duty at the playground.

Staff members and parents rushed to help the injured children as schoolmates watched in horror. Parents bringing their children to the morning assembly rushed them inside, where there were tearful scenes as students tried to come to terms with what had happened.

Ms Williamson, 52, did not enter a plea when charged with four counts of attempted murder in Auckland District Court on Tuesday afternoon.

She was remanded to Carrington hospital, a psychiatric facility where she has been an outpatient. She was ordered to be kept under "complete security and close observation" until her next court appearance on July 23.

Prevention key to fighting osteoporosis; new non-hormonal drug reverses bone loss

BOSTON, July 16, (UPI): Researchers are heartened by recent findings that a non-hormonal drug can reverse the bone loss of osteoporosis, but they stress that prevention is key to fighting the disease.

"In a sense, osteoporosis may be a pediatric disease," said Dr Charles Chesnut, noting bone loss may have the greatest impact among those who failed to build up maximum bone tissue during their growing years.

Exercise, proper nutrition and adequate intake of bone-building calcium are some steps females

can take to prevent osteoporosis from developing, said Chesnut of the University of Washington Medical Centre in Seattle.

Last week, a study reported that a relatively inexpensive drug called Etidronate significantly increased bone mass among 211 female osteoporosis patients who were given the drug for two years. Those in the treatment group, who had an average age of 65, suffered half as many new spinal fractures as those in a similar group who received dummy pills.

But while Etidronate may prove an effective

therapy for older women with osteoporosis, Chesnut said hormone replacement drugs likely will continue to be used to prevent bone loss.

Osteoporosis affects an estimated 15 million to 20 million Americans, 80 per cent of them women. It is thought to cause up to \$10 billion a year in medical costs, much of it resulting from bone fractures.

The disease primarily affects post-menopausal women, causing their bones to become thinner and more susceptible to fracture osteoporosis patients are especially liable to suffer spinal frac-

tures, which can result in compression of the spine, and hip fractures.

Researchers estimate osteoporosis causes 1.3 million fractures annually, including more than 200,000 hip fractures.

For reasons researchers do not fully understand, the hormone estrogen guards against osteoporosis by inhibiting the ability of large body cells known as osteoclasts from removing bone tissue. Researchers say Etidronate works like estrogen.

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Jazz festival

A double dose of jazz trumpet legend Dizzy Gillespie is captured in a double exposure at the 15th annual North Sea Jazz Festival in The Hague, on Sunday. Back by popular demand, Gillespie, 71, gave two performances on the last day of the festival. (Reuters wirephoto)



Liturgy: Patriarch Dimitrios, the spiritual leader of 250 million Orthodox Christians, on Sunday celebrated the liturgy with his brethren from the divided Orthodox Christian church.

He continued his call for unity when he spoke at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, where he prayed with the bishops of the Ukrainian, Romanian, Serbian and Bulgarian Orthodox Christian churches.

The Patriarch, in the first visit to North America by a head of the Orthodox Christian church, said in his sermon it was not without significance that the hierarchical liturgy was taking place on the same Sunday as the commemoration of the fifth century meeting of the holy fathers of the fourth Ecumenical Council. Since his arrival on Friday in the United States, the Patriarch has stressed that the various eastern orthodox churches comes together.

In his sermon on Sunday, he said that his office "is of course not a judgement seat" but "a treasury of the spiritual blessings."

Each leader "does not administer as a worldly repository of power but as a comforting and edifying father," he told the 4,000 worshippers assembled within the cathedral hall and adjoining rooms.

Nikolai Stephanopoulos, a spokesman for the Greek Orthodox archdiocese in whose cathedral the ceremony took place, said that the Patriarch is "asking them to come together in unity and peace as one."



Europe

Heart attacks: Men suffer more heart attacks than women because they do not let themselves cry, according to a magazine out in London.

The August issue of a woman's magazine, "SHE", said "it is not mere coincidence that men for whom crying is taboo suffer from more heart attacks than women. Women cry, men explode."

The magazine claimed everybody has "a crying need" and medical experts now believe suppressing the urge can affect health, causing migraines, stomach upsets, ulcers and joint pains. (Kuna)

Exams amid tight security: Thousands of police led university applicants into their examination centres throughout Greece on Monday to forestall sit-ins by striking state teachers. No violence was reported, police said.

The government placed 25 public prosecutors on stand-by despite a Teachers' Union call to its members on Sunday to let 130,000 candidates around the country sit the exams quietly.

The high-school teachers are boycotting university entrance exams at all 141 centres to press for more pay. Talks with the government have been deadlocked since June 14, the date originally set for the exams. (AP)

Crimes against foreigners: Crimes against foreigners, especially theft, doubled in the first half of 1990 compared to the same period in 1989, Interior Minister Vladimir Bakatin said on Monday.

Bakatin, who reported an overall 14.6 per cent increase in the crime rate in the Soviet Union, did not give an exact number or breakdown of crimes committed against foreigners.

But he said the growth in the overall crime rate had slowed, noting that one year ago the rate had soared by 32 per cent. (Reuters)

Aussie official warns: Cambodian boat people arriving in Australia and judged not to be political refugees should be forced to return home as a deterrent to others planning to sail here, the leader of the conservative opposition, John Hewson, said Sunday.

Hewson, who last week returned to Australia from a visit to Asia, warned that without a clear message from the government, Australia could have to accommodate many more refugees in camps in the northern territory.

In an interview on television Channel 10, Hewson called for the opening of negotiations on aid to Vietnam and talks with China in a bid to resolve the war in Cambodia, which has filled refugee camps in the region. (UPI)

Asean to resolve boat people: Delegates from six Southeast Asian Nations will try to resolve the log jam holding up the resettlement of Vietnamese boat people, taking up the matter during the Asean foreign ministers meeting in Jakarta next week, Malaysian officials said Monday.

"Some incremental progress has been made as a result of the consultative process but many fundamental differences remain unresolved," said Foreign Minister Abu Hassan Omar.

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) groups the non-communist countries of the Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia, Brunei, Singapore and Malaysia.

No country has taken a tougher stand against the refugees than Malaysia, where leaders said they would not bow to threats in the US Congress to cut financial aid and duty-free benefits over allegations Malaysia is pushing Vietnamese boat people back to sea.

Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad said during the weekend the US was a superpower that could "twist anyone's hands". However, he added "Malaysia has the right to decide who enters the country and who can't." (UPI)

Birendra abandons power: Nepal's King Birendra Monday gave up the power to override the court system, another step on his three-month path from absolute toward constitutional monarchy.

"His majesty the king has closed down the special petitions department on the advice of the prime minister and minister for royal palace affairs as it is not necessary to keep the department functioning," said an announcement of the royal palace Monday.

April 8 the king yielded to a growing, violent, seven-week democracy movement and turned the government over to the Nepali Congress and communist parties, the first time political parties have held power in Nepal.

Monday's abandonment of the royal right to review court decisions marks another step away from the absolute rule installed by his father Mahendra.

A Nepali adage said, "if you want justice, go to gorkha." That meant "go to the king to seek justice." (UPI)

Vietnamese population booming: Vietnam's population has grown by 11.7 million people over the past 10 years due to government negligence and the people's unwillingness to use contraceptives, the official Vietnam news agency reported.

"In the ten years from 1979 to 1989, Vietnam's population increased by 11.7 million, the equivalent of the population of medium size country," the agency said in a report dated Sunday.

It said the annual birth rate of 3.13 per cent was far higher than the government target rate of 1.7 per cent.

Only 38 per cent of women of child-bearing age agree to use contraceptives, it said.

The agency blamed the high population growth rate on "negligence on the part of the state." (UPI)

Dengue kills 18 in Jakarta: At least 18 people have died and many others were hospitalised following a disease believed to be dengue fever spread through villages in central Java in the past week, news reports said Monday.

Officials in the central Java district of Boyolali have set up 24-hour emergency posts to prevent the spread of the disease and to curb further casualties.

The health official, Dr Lesmono said the disease, believed to be dengue fever, has caused panic among villagers after up to 18 children died as of July 8. Some of them were reported to have evacuated their children to other villages. (UPI)

China launches rocket: China launched into space Monday a more powerful rocket with a small satellite and a simulated payload aboard, and the official news agency called it "major progress" for the country's infant commercial launch business.

The long March 2 cluster carrier blasted off Monday morning from a new launch pad at the Xichang Space Centre in a remote area of southwest China's Sichuan province, the official Xinhua news agency reported.

The rocket lifted a small experimental satellite for Pakistan and a simulated satellite payload into orbit. Tracking data indicated the launch was proceeding smoothly, Xinhua said.

New Mexico poll code: Mexico's lower house of Congress passed a new electoral code just hours before the close of its regular session Sunday, creating polling procedures that opposition lawmakers say will not solve vote fraud problems.

President Carlos Salinas de Gortari called for reforms after charges of vote-stealing clouded his July 1988 election.

The 500-member lower house, called the Chamber of Deputies, voted 263 to 27 to pass the code's 410 provisions after 60 opposition lawmakers stormed out in protest, Mexican news reports said.

The code will prohibit mandatory membership in any party, create voter identification cards with photos, establish immediate release of election returns, change the structure of electoral boards and order those who commit vote fraud jailed. (AP)

Liberia refugee exodus resumes

Wounded pour into hospital; heavy fighting reported

MONROVIA, July 16, (AP) Amid fears Monrovia will soon fall to rebels, hundreds of civilians are fleeing the city centre and a steady stream of refugees are heading toward neighbouring Sierra Leone.

Witnesses reported heavy fighting between government and rebel forces on the capital's heavily populated eastern outskirts yesterday, half of which were said by Western military observers to now be under rebel control.

About a quarter of this West African nation's 2 million people live in Monrovia.

When it became clear Saturday that escape routes were still open, the refugee flow resumed.

Lawlessness

An air of lawlessness settled over the city as people streamed toward the countryside to seek refuge and food, and doctors from the French relief group Doctors Without Borders struggled to help the injured.

A 24-year-old city resident, Alice Bahn, said she was with two young boys Saturday when government soldiers surrounded them.

"Both the boys were shot and killed," she said. "I put my hands up, but they shot anyway. I was lucky to get away. ..."

Ms Bahn was brought into St Joseph's with a serious bullet wound in her face.

Next to her were two girls, ages 10 and 7. They were brought in yesterday morning, two weeks after they were shot somewhere in bush country.

"We hope they will survive," said their surgeon, Robert Kpoto. "They have not been treated for a long time, and the younger one is in quite critical condition."

Temporary refugee camps have been set up all around the city and many of the fleeing civilians are seeking refuge there.

Twenty-two such camps now house 40,000 refugees in Monrovia, and the total is growing daily, said a Dutch member of the international medical team.

Dr Ron Oud.

Workers in the camps said government soldiers had been roaming around the camps every night, shooting wildly and threatening to break in.

Threatening

The workers also said soldiers have been threatening to seize Gio and Mano tribesmen at the camps. They are considered enemies of President Samuel Doe's Krahn tribe in the 6-month-old insurgency that has turned into tribal warfare.

Witnesses, speaking on condition of anonymity, said government soldiers were becoming increasingly undisciplined, holding up vehicles to demand money and cigarettes.

"Every soldier is doing his own thing," one victim of such an incident reported.

Monrovia remained without electricity and water main service yesterday. The only fresh drinking water came from wells.

Virtually all food stores were closed, and prices of staples were skyrocketing. A small packet of biscuits was offered by a street trader yesterday for \$10.

The insurgent National Patriotic Front is led by Doe's former associate, Charles Taylor. The rebels, who began their revolt in December, accuse Doe of corruption and human rights abuses.

Human rights groups have accused both sides of slaughtering hundreds of civilians.

Doe seized power in a bloody 1980 coup that ousted elitist descendants of American slaves who founded this country in 1847.

While besieging Monrovia, the insurgents are consolidating their control of the rest of Liberia. On Saturday, they were reported to have captured the provincial capital of Voinjama, about 140 miles (225 kilometres) north of Monrovia.

Yesterday, the rebels chief negotiator left Sierra Leone after peace talks mediated by the Economic Community of West African states.

Confier

Thomas Woewiyu said he was going to confer with the rebel leadership about whether "there is some sort of political option to resolve the conflict without taking that final step and without destroying what is left of the country."

He expected to return to Freeport, the Sierra Leone capital, today and resume negotiations tomorrow.

There was no official casualty count. However, French and Belgian doctors at St Joseph's Roman Catholic Hospital said people were brought in from the eastern suburbs all day yesterday with gunshot wounds.

St Joseph's is the only hospital operating in the capital. Diplomatic and international relief sources reported a flow of refugees heading toward Sierra Leone by truck, car, bicycle or on foot. Refugees had stopped flowing across Liberia's borders until Friday because of reports the rebels had cut the roads out of the country.



The body of a man shot by three Liberian soldiers in broad daylight on July 9 lies outside the home of the US Charge d'Affaires Dennis Jett in Monrovia. The same three soldiers later killed another man on the same spot as revenge killings mount in the six-month-old rebellion which has degenerated into a tribal war. (Reuters wirephoto)



Dr Reginald Moreels, head of the Belgian medical relief agency "Medecins sans Frontieres" (Doctors without Borders) treat casualties on July 9 of Liberia's civil war at an emergency surgical unit in Monrovia. Most of the injured have bullet wounds. (Reuters wirephoto)

Indians call off deal

OKA, July 16, (AP) Indians locked in a land dispute with authorities have reversed themselves and kept up their blockade of a bridge into Montreal.

The Mohawks said they decided not to lift the blockade, as promised, because authorities had reneged on a promise to reduce a police contingent in Oka, about 32 kilometres (20 miles) west of Montreal.

The town was the scene of a shootout Wednesday between authorities and Mohawks manning barricades to block the expansion of a golf course. The Indians say the expansion would occur on their ancestral land.

One police officer was killed in the confrontation. But it is not clear if he was shot by Mohawks or fellow officers. Talks aimed at ending the Oka standoff between armed

Mohawks and police continued yesterday. Quebec province was represented by Native Affairs Minister John Gacchia.

He said yesterday he believed that the two sides were close to patching up their agreement of the night before. "We have obtained the co-operation of Quebec police," said Gacchia.

"They have reduced the number of personnel — however, not in such a way as to affect our own security," he said. He refused to say how many of the estimated 1,000 police officers at Oka have pulled out.

The Mohawks of the Kahnawake Reserve blocked the Mercier bridge on Wednesday in sympathy with the Oka Indians.

Confidence shaken

US space programme in trouble

WASHINGTON, July 16, (AP) The failure of the Hubble space telescope and grounding of the space shuttle fleet are shaking congressional confidence in the space programme just as lawmakers search for ways to redirect defence spending to civilian science.

The Hubble and shuttle troubles also have prompted top presidential aides to begin searching for ways to reinvestigate the US space programme an administration source said yesterday.

The White House may enlist a team of space experts from outside government to aid that review, said the official, who spoke only on condition of anonymity.

There's still widespread support for space exploration in Congress, and until its recent problems the National Aeronautics and Space Administration seemed to be recovering from the 1986 Challenger explosion that killed seven astronauts.

Congressman Mike Andrews, whose congressional district in Texas is home to thousands of NASA workers, said: "We were right on the edge of what all of us thought would be a new chapter at NASA."

Now, Andrews said last week, cost overruns and defects in the Hubble and shuttle programmes make the space agency look like "just one more big bureaucracy."

And it's the butt of jokes.

Sen. Al Gore, who conducted hearings on the Hubble earlier this month, quipped that it had been disclosed that Hubble "is actually working perfectly, but the universe is all blurry."

The administration source Sunday said Vice President Dan Quayle, as chairman of the National Space Council, and Admiral Richard Truly, the former astronaut who heads NASA, are leading the internal effort to find ways to get the space programme back on track.

The decision has not yet been made to convene a blue-ribbon panel of experts, the source said, but "if something is done, it will be done with a combination of outside and inside advice."

From the White House perspective, the problems go beyond the Hubble and shuttle leaks to broader difficulties with diminished public support for the space programme and Congress' refusal to fund the full 25 per cent NASA budget increase that President George Bush asked for.

But two days after NASA revealed that the Hubble was crippled by a defective mirror, the House approved \$14.3 billion for the agency in fiscal 1991, \$2 billion more than the current fiscal year. There's little talk of any immediate cutbacks.

However, the agency's big projects for the future are being looked at with much more scepticism than before. Those include a \$50 billion system of weather satellites. The \$37 billion permanent space station and Bush's proposal to land a man on Mars within 30 years.

"The worst kept secret in Washington is that defence contractors who are out of work are now pushing space spending as a national priority," said Rep. Richard Durbin, a member of the House Budget Committee.

Medellin weekend violence leaves 40 dead

BOGOTA, July 16, (AP) A round of terrorist attacks in Medellin left 40 people dead, including two police officers, a soldier, and ten youths, police said yesterday.

Saturday night's violence began when a car bomb exploded in front of the Medellin police headquarters, killing a 19-year-old pedestrian. Police have blamed Medellin's cocaine cartel for similar attacks in the past.

The bomb contained more than 110

pounds (50 kilos) of dynamite but only 65 pounds (about 32 kilos) exploded, police said.

Two hours after the car bombing, a group of unidentified gunmen drove into one of the city's northeastern neighbourhoods and killed seven youths, according to a police statement. Two other youths were wounded.

Three more youths were killed in Medellin's San Javier neighbourhood

when a group of assailants broke into a party and began firing. Three people were wounded in the attack, police said.

The police statement added that three additional people were killed by an unidentified armed group in another of the city's poverty-stricken neighbourhoods.

Assassins shot and killed two on-duty police officers and a soldier in three separate incidents in the city, the report said. Terrorists allegedly working for drug

dealers have killed 144 police officers in the city this year.

Medellin Police Chief Col. Jorge Ferrero has attributed recent massacres in Medellin's poorer neighbourhoods to rival youth gangs working for the traffickers.

But human rights activists have said that many of the massacres are the work of police officers retaliating for attacks on them.

United Germany should be free to choose ally

Poland's border on Paris agenda

MOSCOW, July 16, (AP): President Mikhail Gorbachev said today that a united Germany should be free to choose its military alliances, removing a major obstacle to full German unification.

West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who appeared at a press conference with the Soviet leader, said he has told Gorbachev that a united Germany would want to belong to Nato.

Gorbachev had earlier objected to a unified Germany joining the Western military alliance, hampering the reunification of East and West Germany.

The Soviets have been leery of the prospect of a reunified Germany. At least 20 million Soviets died fighting the Nazis in World War II. But Gorbachev today declared that a unified Germany would have "complete sovereignty."

"It has the right to use this sovereignty to make its choice... of what blocs to support," he said.

Gorbachev said no Nato forces must be stationed on the territory of what is now East Germany during a period of three-four years when Soviet soldiers will be withdrawing.

Ukraine deputies declare neutrality

MOSCOW, July 16, (AP): The Parliament of the Ukraine, following sovereignty declaration by other republics, today declared its own laws to take precedent over Soviet law, the official news agency Tass reported.

The debate over sovereignty in the Supreme Soviet of the Ukraine had caused sharp disagreements and last week led indirectly to the resignation of the republic's president, Vladimir Ivashko, who then was chosen deputy chief of the Soviet Communist Party.

The Ukraine is the Soviet Union's second-largest republic, with more than 50 million people. It also is a key industrial and farming region.

The republic's Parliament, meeting in the capital of Kiev, declared the "supremacy, independence, absolute authority and indivisibility" of Ukrainian authority on the republic's territory, Tass said.

But the news agency added that the majority of deputies who spoke during the Supreme Soviet's debate did not support secession from the Soviet Union.

Instead, they said, sovereignty "should not break the existing social, economic and cultural and other ties with republics, but develop them," Tass said.

In its declaration, the Ukraine followed the lead of the huge Russian republic, the Baltic republics, and several other Soviet republics clamouring for more independence from the central government.

Some Ukrainian nationalists support total independence for their republic, but the movement is not as far advanced as it is in other Soviet republics like the Baltics.

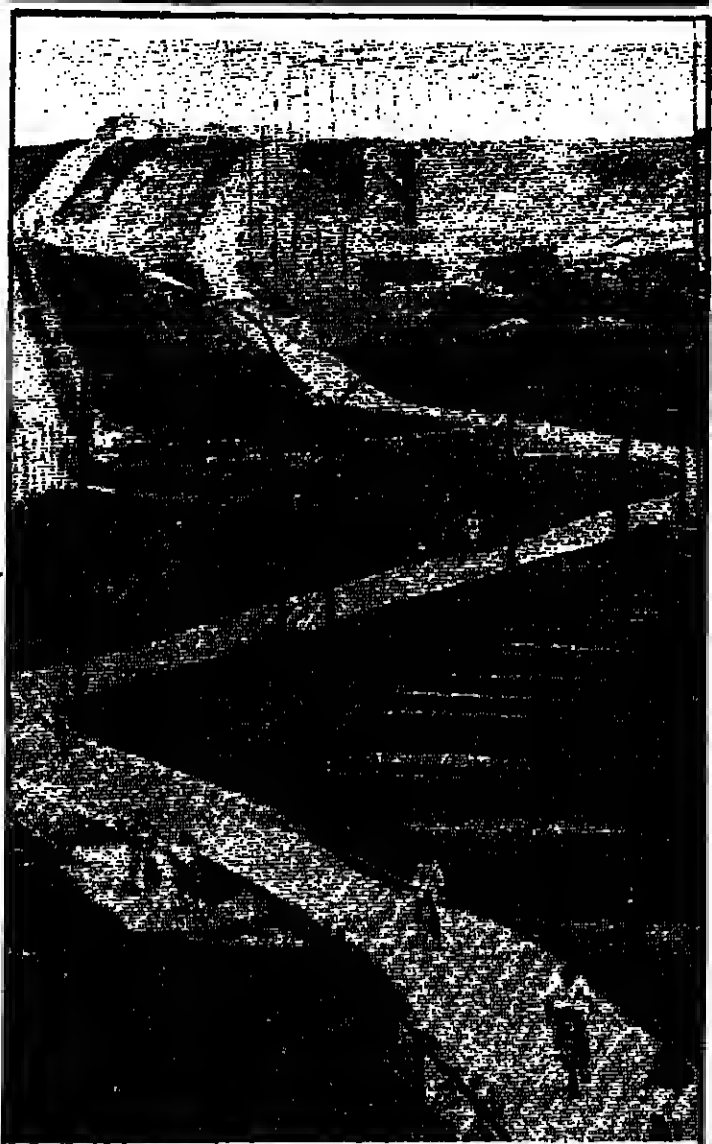
The declaration called for the Ukraine's "independence and equal rights in external relations," and stated that the republic has the right to have its own armed forces, Tass said.

The Ukraine's youth cannot perform military service outside the republic without Parliament's permission.

The declaration sets a future goal of establishing a "constantly neutral government, which does not take part in military blocs" and opposes the production, proliferation and use of nuclear weapons, Tass said.

Ivashko and other deputies to the Ukrainian Supreme Soviet were called back last week from the Soviet Communist Party congress for the debate on sovereignty.

Ivashko refused to go, and turned in his resignation. He said he interpreted his dispute with Parliament over the issue as indicating that he did not have enough authority to govern the republic.



No frontier
East and West Berliners enjoy cycling through the former "death strip" that was the frontier between East Germany and West Berlin for more than 28 years and is now open for cyclists and pedestrians. (Reuters wirephoto)

Over 30 injured in Kirghizia fighting

Airport manager killed

MOSCOW, July 16, (AP): An airport manager in the ethnically troubled region of Nagorno-Karabakh has been killed in a bomb explosion that destroyed her home, the official Tass news agency said today.

The manager's son and husband were reported injured in the blast.

In the Central Asian republic of Kirghizia, at least 30 people were injured in renewed ethnic fighting over the weekend, Tass reported.

Tass said the bombing in Nagorno-Karabakh occurred last night. It said investigators from the Azerbaijan Interior Ministry earlier had investigated threats against the life of Yevgenia Ishkhanova, manager of Stepanakert airport.

According to the Tass report, Ishkhanova's son was seriously injured in the blast and hospital-

ized. Her husband escaped with slight injuries, Tass said.

Tass said Ishkhanova had been "engaged in an all-out effort to increase discipline there and ensure that incoming flights from Yerevan complied with the schedule."

Yerevan is the capital of the neighbouring republic of Armenia, which has been involved in a dispute with Azerbaijan over the sovereignty of Nagorno-Karabakh, an autonomous Armenian-dominated enclave.

In Kirghizia, officials reported that new fighting has broken out between Kirghiz and Uzbeks.

In the city of Osh, near the Uzbekistan border, shops were closed, public transportation was at a standstill and troops were patrolling the streets in armoured personnel carriers, Tass said.

He said the Soviet Union hoped that after that period, no Nato forces or nuclear weapons would be stationed there.

Gorbachev said that the four-power agreement of the victorious World War II allies that has governed Germany since the end of the war will cease when Germany is unified.

Kohl and Gorbachev also announced agreement on several other issues, including the size of the future army of a united Germany, and a timetable for the withdrawal of Soviet soldiers from East Germany.

Gorbachev said the two sides had managed to ease each other's concerns about the future of Soviet soldiers on the territory of what is now East Germany, which currently belongs to the Kremlin-led Warsaw Pact. West Germany belongs to Nato.

Soviet soldiers now stationed in East Germany will be withdrawn in three-four years, and during the same period of time, the size of the German army will be brought down to 370,000 soldiers, the two leaders said.

The Soviets now have about 380,000 troops in East Germany. The combined strength of the East and West German armed forces is now about 600,000, with West Germany providing 480,000 men.

The press conference, broadcast on German and Soviet television, was held at the end of Kohl's two-day visit to the Soviet Union. The news conference was held in Zhelokhovskiy, in southern Russia.

Kohl said a united Germany and the Soviet Union will sign a comprehensive treaty that will govern all aspects of their bilateral relations.

For decades the German threat was a favourite subject of Soviet propaganda. War movies are still popular on Soviet television. This weekend prime-time television featured two films on the Nazi SS forces.

Gorbachev and Kohl were in southern Russia after a visit yesterday to Gorbachev's home region, Stavropol.

The Soviet leader said he thought the "fresh air" of the northern Caucasus mountains would help both sides to overcome their mutual thoughts clearly, the Tass news agency reported.

It was Kohl's second visit to the Soviet Union since February and Gorbachev's hospitality indicated the Soviets seek close ties with the economically powerful Germans.

The official Soviet news agency Tass said parallel talks were held yesterday between Foreign Ministers Eduard Shevardnadze and Hans Dietrich Genscher as well as Finance Ministers Valentin Pavlov and Theo Waigel.

During Kohl's visit, the two leaders discussed how West German economic aid can help Gorbachev's restructuring — and revive — the ailing Soviet economy.

The West German government has backed a \$3.1 billion loan to support Gorbachev's efforts, so far ineffective, to transform the Soviet Union's centralised economy to a market-oriented system.

At last week's Houston summit of leading industrial democracies, Western leaders rejected a proposal strongly supported by West Germany and France for \$15 billion aid plan to shore up the Soviet economy and demonstrate Western support for Gorbachev.

Moscow stands to lose its most important partner in the Warsaw Pact alliance — East Germany — if the two Germanys merge sometime after all-German elections in December.

The Soviet Union is already suffering from a drop in imports from East Germany, its largest trading partner in the East Bloc. Trade relations are likely to deteriorate further when Moscow will be forced to conduct all economic activity with Germany in hard currency.

Terrorist sent to W. Germany

KARLSRUHE, West Germany, July 16, (AP): A suspected Red Army faction terrorist was brought to West Germany to face charges, the prosecutor's office said yesterday.

Sigrid Sierbeck was flown here by helicopter from East Berlin Saturday and arraigned before a federal magistrate on Sunday, the prosecutor's office said. Officials said she had agreed to go to West Germany.

She was arrested on June 15 in Schwedt, in the eastern part of East Germany near the Polish border.

A 1989 warrant alleged she joined the terrorist organisation in 1977 and was involved in the death of a US army soldier and the bombing of a US air base in West Germany.

Two shot dead in new round of Northern Ireland violence

BELFAST, July 16, (UPI): A Catholic and a Protestant were shot dead and a third man seriously wounded in a new round of sectarian violence in Northern Ireland, police said today.

The Royal Ulster Constabulary said the bloodshed began early Sunday, when two masked assailants from the Irish People's Liberation Organisation — a splinter group from the Irish Republic Army — shot dead William Sloss, 31, at his home in Tates Avenue, south Belfast.

They said Sloss, a Protestant, had been shot twice in the head, but his body was not found until several hours later by his brother.

A man claiming to represent the TPLP told the



Thousands of demonstrators gather on Moscow's Revolution Square, opposite the Kremlin at the end of an anti-communist rally in Moscow. (Reuters wirephoto)

Gorbachev frees airwaves

'Down with Communist Party': protesters march

MOSCOW, July 16, (AP): President Mikhail Gorbachev has moved to end the state Party's longtime control of the airwaves, decreeing that the state broadcasting monopoly must provide access to competing voices.

His decree on the "democratisation" of television and radio was read on the main evening news programme Vremya, yesterday just hours after the capital's first mass demonstration against the Communist Party. Tens of thousands of people braved a driving rain to gather at the Kremlin gates.

Although the decree did not appear to be a direct response to the demonstration, Gorbachev's decision to open the airwaves to groups other than the Communist Party and government comes amid growing criticism of central authorities.

The communists' fortunes are in decline as forces of democracy gain strength and demand that the party, blamed for plunging the country into economic crisis, be stripped of all its political monopolies.

The decree of broadcasting was issued a month after the Supreme Soviet legislature passed the nation's first law guaranteeing freedom of

Inquiry ordered

Leak of notes on Germany

LONDON, July 16, (Agencies): The government appointed a team of investigators today to find who leaked a memorandum of a high-level seminar in which senior officials identified German national character traits as aggression, bullying and feeling inferior.

Officials said the cabinet office would conduct the inquiry into how the Independent on Sunday procured a copy of the document on the proceedings of a March 24 meeting at Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's official country retreat.

"In the sense that a team is being assembled, (the inquiry) has already started," an official said. "They are going to investigate how the document came to be leaked."

Officials said the memorandum was categorised as "very highly restrictive," and issued only at the highest level of government.

Its publication was ill-timed for the government, which was trying to control the diplomatic damage caused by Trade Secretary Nicholas Ridley's statements last week that European unity moves were "a German racket" aimed at dominating the continent similar to the strategies of Adolf Hitler.

Ridley also said the French for "behaving like poodles to the Germans," and described the 12-nation European Economic Community as being run by reject politicians.

He resigned on Saturday, and Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd was in Brussels today meeting EEC foreign ministers reportedly with a brief to reassure his counterparts on Britain's commitment to the 12-nation body.

The memorandum written by Thatcher's secretary, Geoffrey Powell, and printed in full in the Independent, assessed that relations with a new united Germany would overall be positive, and concluded that "we must be nice to the Germans."

They said the gunmen shot their victim at point-blank range as he returned home from a party with a 21-year-old male friend at about midnight Sunday.

The companion, also a Catholic, was shot and seriously wounded and was recovering in Lagan valley hospital in Lisburn, they said.

Police were withholding the names of both men while the investigation continues.

The Ulster Freedom Fighters, another Protestant paramilitary group, admitted responsibility for the second attack in a telephone call to a local radio station. The UFF claimed that the dead man was a member of the IRA, an allegation the victim's mother denied.

Neither the IRA nor the Ulster Volunteer Force have acknowledged whether the dead men were members of their organisations.



Britain's new Secretary of Trade and Industry Peter Lillay. (Reuters wirephoto)

are talking about a major friendly country that is about to go through a major transformation. It seems perfectly reasonable to go back and see how far the past is causing its shadow."

But the embarrassing glimpses of innermost government attitude has brought to the surface the many doubts about how Britain will integrate with Europe, given the island nation's tradition of remaining offshore and only venturing to the continent when it perceives an upshot power balance.

Ridley was a close political ally of Thatcher and her refusal to instantly dismiss him was portrayed by the opposition as showing that she privately shared his doubts about German and European unity.

The British leader has challenged many of moves that will obligate member nations to relinquish certain sovereign powers to the Brussels-based community, and once referred to Germany as a new "European superstate."

The Labour Party's Gerald Kaufman said it was an "offensive farce" for senior cabinet ministers to "sit around pulling the Germans to pieces."

But Hurd saw nothing wrong with a brainstorming session about the implications of a momentous event like the unification of Germany.

What mattered, he told BBC-TV, was that the experts' verdict on Germany was positive.

It was virtually "a fantasy to suppose that we're going to be faced with a new Hitler, or a new Gestapo," he said.

Thatcher's views did not appear in the summary, but she has voiced misgivings about the economic might of a united Germany.

Hurd implied that it might be the British who have a mental problem in their tendency "to believe that we are dealing with a lot of clever foreigners and that the best thing is just to draw down the blinds, shut out the real world, swear at the present world and pretend that we can go on just living in the past."

the press and creating a broad rights for journalists and publishers.

The press law gave non-government and non-party groups the right to own and operate newspapers and magazines, ending what effectively has been a decades-old monopoly held by communist authorities.

Rather than appeasing popular opinion, however, greater media openness has helped fuel public anger toward central authorities, as demonstrated in the march on the Kremlin.

"Communists worms — this corpse won't feed you anymore," read a poster carried by a demonstrator yesterday. One woman boistered a pair of shoes worn into tatters and labeled "slave of the party."

Police used trucks and barricades to block the entrance to Red Square, and the marchers instead gathered around a sound truck in the adjacent Manezh Square, just under the red brick walls and towers of the Kremlin.

The demonstrators cheered when a speaker called out the names of three leading reformers who last week announced they were quitting the Communist Party. Russian Republic President Boris N. Yeltsin, Moscow Mayor Gavril Popov, and Leningrad Mayor Anatoly Sobchak.

The protesters, estimated by a police officer and local television to number 50,000, shouted, "down with the criminal Communist Party," as they huddled under a sea of umbrellas.

"Every communist to his own mausoleum," read another poster, alluding to the mausoleum of Soviet founder Vladimir Lenin a few hundred yards away. Many Soviets regard Lenin as a deity, and thousands file through his crypt daily to see his mummified body.

Soviet reforms have been transferring power from the party that Lenin founded to elected legislatures throughout the country, and to the newly strengthened presidency held by Gorbachev.

Last year, the 28th congress of the Soviet Communist Party re-elected Gorbachev as general secretary and adopted his proposal to restructure and expand the party's leading body, the politburo. Henceforth, the politburo, which once ran the nation, will concern itself largely with party affairs.

The decree on broadcasting, which also was carried by the official Tass news agency, states that growing democracy in the country requires a "cardinal change in the nature of the country's television and radio broadcasting."

The guidelines for radio and television are currently set by a state committee.

The decree "recognises the need to determine a legal basis for the activities of television and radio broadcasting under new conditions" and recommends that parliament adopt appropriate laws. Those laws apparently would correspond to the press law passed June 12.

Gorbachev got what he wanted

Whither traditionalists

MOSCOW, July 16, (AP): Mikhail Gorbachev got the endorsement, the deputy and the politburo he wanted. But the traditionalist wing he faced down during the recent Communist Party congress cannot be counted out.

Less than a month before, party traditionalists had found their voice at a gathering of communists of the Russian Republic, electing one of their own as first secretary of the party in the largest of the Soviet Union's 15 republics.

They seemed ready to seize control at the National Party's 28th congress. But when the congress closed Saturday after two weeks of debate and voting, they appeared chastened by a tarnished but still-powerful Gorbachev.

Shortly before the congress opened on July 2, radical reformers like Boris Yeltsin feared a triumph by the traditionalists and urged that the meeting of the party's highest body be postponed.

Yegor Ligachev, who frequently expressed the traditionalists' unease with Gorbachev's policies at the politburo level, grumbled that the party leadership and the country's presidency were too much for Gorbachev.

But Gorbachev easily won re-election to the party's highest seat. And as deputy-chairman he has Vladimir Ivashko of the Ukraine, who trounced Ligachev himself in the race for the job that will be responsible for running the party's day-to-day affairs.

Ligachev left with no seat on the politburo nor the Central Committee, the party's two most important bodies. He said he was going home to Siberia, perhaps to write a book.

But in the midst of the Gorbachev landslide, there were signs of continuing unease among a sizeable and influential group of party members.

Viktor Tyulkin, a spokesman for some of the most hard-line opponents of economic reform, told delegates that any move to install elements of a market economy represented "sliding toward capitalism."

According to a report in the Soviet government newspaper Izvestia, Tyulkin, a district party leader in Leningrad, warned that reform-minded communists "had to be prepared for the possibility of a collision" with citizens who opposed the move.

He asked for a vote, and 1,259 of the nearly 4,700 delegates supported him.

"This episode shows once again how strong the opposition is to the transition of our sick economy from the old ways... to the path of normal development," wrote Izvestia reporter Guntionov.

And although Gorbachev saw changes at high levels during the congress, lower-level functionaries he has accused of holding up reform remain in place. Faced with long-term doubts about Gorbachev's programme, they simply can return to the stubborn resistance that has frustrated the Soviet leader for so long.

INTERNATIONAL



Protest march

More than 2,000 civil servants face riot policemen in Istanbul during a march to protest the decision by Turkish government which raises their wages by 25 per cent. Civil servants claimed this was lower than what they have expected. (Reuters wirephoto)

They all need rest: Red Cross

Albanians' new home

MARSEILLE, France, July 16. (AP) After a warm reception, more than 500 Albanian refugees headed north today to reception centres where they were to be taught French and learn about the nation they now call home.

Eight of the refugees were hospitalised with what the Red Cross said were unspecified benign ailments. Most of the rest of the 544 who arrived in Marseille on Sunday were sent on special trains to Reims, on the way to three reception centres outside Paris.

The Interior Ministry will give temporary residence permits to the refugees, many of whom are gypsies. All have the right to apply for political asylum.

The refugees are the last arrivals of about 5,000 Albanians who boarded five ferries seeking asylum in Western Europe. Albanians began rushing into foreign embassies in the capital of Tirana on June 28 after word spread of a family that had been allowed to emigrate to Italy after spending five years in the Italian embassy seeking political asylum.

The majority of the refugees—some 3,000—travelled to West Germany during the weekend after about 4,500 refugees were



An Albanian refugee holds his child shortly after arriving in Basel. (Reuters wirephoto)

ferried from Albania to the southern Italian port of Brindisi. Italian and Egyptian officials reported today that no new Albanians had sought asylum in their embassies in Tirana, the Albanian capital. The Czechoslovak embassy, from where Albanians were taken out of the country in President Vaclav Havel's own plane last week, and the Hungarian mission were reported empty of refugees.

The Red Cross conducted

preliminary health checks on the latest arrivals on the train and at Reims. The refugees were then broken up into three groups and bused to Creil, Emance and Mourmelon in the Paris region.

"The health of most of the refugees is good," said a Red Cross spokesman in Reims. "But they all need rest."

Carrying little luggage and dressed for the most part in T-shirts, simple trousers, sandals or clothing donated by the crew of the ferry Orient Star, the tired refugees settled in to their temporary new quarters in Reims for a long sleep. Soldiers had stockpiled 600 litres (159 gallons) of beverages and 300 kilograms (661 pounds) of fruit for their arrival.

About 30 others arrived earlier by bus at another waystation in Perigueux, southwestern France. Showing great fatigue, they turned down a prepared meal and simply asked for drinks and cigarettes.

Several wept as they got off the bus. Most said all they wanted was sleep.

They were jubilant on their arrival in Marseille, crying "long live France" in Albanian and "long live the Albanian people" as they disembarked.

Trial resumes amid sympathy

Most-hated Ceausescu

SIBIU, Romania, July 16. (AP) The trial of Nicu Ceausescu, accused of ordering the killing of 89 civilians during the revolution that toppled his father, resumed today amid apparent sympathy from some Romanians.

Nicu, 40, who had a reputation for heavy drinking, was widely described in the Romanian press as the most-hated Ceausescu after his parents, Nicolae and Elena.

But some people in Sibiu have seemed sympathetic to his plight. They remember his relative efficiency at getting local projects started and the advantages the connection to the ruling family brought their city of 180,000, such as better food supplies than the best of the country.

The youngest son of late communist dictator Nicolae Ceausescu was the party's regional secretary in this Transylvanian city at the time of the December revolution.

Leaflets have been appearing in Sibiu recently expressing support for Nicu and calling for an investigation of the army's role in the deaths of 89 citizens during the revolution. Nicu is charged with ordering the army to kill the citizens.

Col Anton Socaciu, who heads Nicu's prosecution, believes Nicu may be personally organising and bankrolling these expres-

sions of sympathy from his jail cell.

"It's very natural that there is an account somewhere in the name of Nicu Ceausescu or some person who has access to him somehow," he told the Associated Press. "This account could be used for the obtaining of certain services and relations for Nicu."

He said the prosecution is investigating the possibility that Nicu is using various people to access these assets and pay off loyalists.

Nicu, 40, was arrested Dec 22 while trying to drive into Bucharest from Sibiu, 250 kms (155 miles) northwest of the capital.

An indictment accuses Nicu of ordering troops to "shoot without warning" during the protests in Sibiu, where he had been party boss since 1987. As a result of his orders, allegedly given in a Dec 17 conference telephone call with regional leaders, 89 people were killed in Sibiu, the indictment contends.

Nicu is recovering from a stab wound suffered at the time of his arrest and doctors say he has cirrhosis of the liver.

He has pleaded innocent to the charge that he ordered troops to shoot, but has admitted to the lesser charge of illegal possession of arms and ammunition.

Islamic extremist killed in Jakarta

JAKARTA, July 16. (UPI) Security authorities in Indonesia's strongly Islamic province of Aceh shot and killed a man believed to be a member of a small extremist group, a news report said today.

The suspect, identified as Mustafa, 32, believed to be a member of the Security Disturbance Movement, was shot and killed by military authorities in Aceh Pidie district, the Jakarta newspaper Suara Karya reported.

Mustafa was shot to death Friday night by military

authorities in Aceh. He was shot after a series of attacks and ambushes in Aceh that killed at least 23 civilians in the past month.

Mustafa apparently was killed when he attempted to escape during a military operation against extremist violence in the province, the official said.

At the same time, another 16 suspects, believed to be members of the movement, surrendered to the security authorities, the daily reported.

Earlier, the country's military commander Gen. Try Sutrisno said security authorities in the province arrested as many as 50 people believed to be members of GPK.

Run with the Rouge

Cambodian guerrillas make major military gains

NATIONAL HIGHWAY 6, Cambodia, July 16. (AP) Guerrillas have seized hundreds of villages and military positions in northern Cambodia, forcing the army to fall back and defend besieged provincial capitals.

Evidence of the most significant guerrilla gains in more than 11 years of fighting was clear during a five-week trip with the insurgents that covered 450 miles (720 kilometres).

The three-party guerrilla coalition, which includes the communist Khmer Rouge, controls large areas of the north and northwest. The insurgents are shelling and launching commando raids on key provincial capitals.

Senior guerrilla commanders say the attacks are preparations for full-scale assaults to seize Kompong Thom and Siem Reap, and the ancient temples of Angkor near Siem Reap.

Hundreds of government artillery shells and rockets landed daily, shaking the paddies of a beautiful rice-growing region engulfed by war.

Debris from bridges blown up by guerrillas littered highways. The jungle fighters set up ambushes to attack convoys trying to resupply forward government outposts defending the major urban areas.

Guerrilla medics trained in China ran field hospitals, dressing wounds and amputating limbs.

As the guerrillas advance, the world seeks a political solution and worries that the Khmer Rouge, whose bloody regime was overthrown by a Vietnamese invasion in December 1978, may regain power. More than a million Cambodians were killed or died of starvation during 3-1/2 years of Khmer Rouge rule.

Khmer Rouge commanders expressed confidence they would capture Phnom Penh, the Cambodian capital. They used maps to illustrate encirclement from the north, south and west—similar to the strategy in 1975, when the Khmer Rouge defeated the US-backed government of President Lon Nol.

The trip, with an escort of guerrillas loyal to Prince Norodom Sihanouk, leader of the coalition, began on the Thai border and covered three northern provinces. Included was a 30-mile (50-kilometre) stretch of National Highway 6, a main government lifeline to outlying provinces, now in guerrilla hands.

It provided the first independent confirmation of claims by the guerrillas of advances deep inside the country.

Thousands of Sihanouk's guerrillas were seen lounging in villages, shopping in bustling markets and manning lines around Kompong Thom, which they said was their next target.

Kompong Thom, a strategic crossroads

city, is 90 miles (145 kilometres) north of Phnom Penh.

In separate attacks, the Khmer Rouge was advancing toward Siem Reap, 200 miles (320 kilometres) northwest of Phnom Penh, and was within reach of the Angkor temples.

"We have taken all the positions around Siem Reap, isolating the town," said Ta Pok, a Khmer Rouge brigadier commander interviewed at his jungle base north of the city.

"We will for sure take Siem Reap. It is no problem. We want it, it is one of our objectives and we will take it."

At Ta Pok's headquarters and on every day of the five-week trip, the earth shook from government artillery fire.

"We are winning everywhere we are fighting," said Col Khan Savoun, a commander of forces loyal to Sihanouk, Cambodia's former ruler, at headquarters in Stoeung, the de facto capital of what the Sihanoukists call their liberated zone.

In the war's early stages, most guerrillas were in bases along the Thai border and obtaining weapons from China was easy, given Thailand's support for the insurgent.

Now the lines have shifted far from the frontier. The Sihanoukists and Khmer Rouge have forged a network of thousands of miles of secret roads and trails into the interior.

Big Five begin talks on Cambodia

PARIS, July 16. (AP) As a Khmer Rouge leader claimed that resistance forces are within striking distance of Phnom Penh, the five permanent members of the UN Security Council met today to review a flagging peace plan for Cambodia.

The two days of closed-door talks between the United States, Soviet Union, China, France and Britain will focus on the progress of an Australian peace initiative to put Cambodia under UN administration until free elections can be organised.

Envoys from the Phnom Penh government and the three Cambodian resistance factions, including the Khmer Rouge, were not invited after failing last month to agree on how they should be represented.

The Khmer Rouge resistance group said today that seven plastic bombs exploded in Phnom Penh last week followed by an attack that killed or wounded a number of government soldiers.

"According to our Phnom Penh-based secret agents, seven sharp plastic bombs exploded in the city on July 13," the radio said.

It said four of the bombs were detonated near the Defence Ministry, but did not say whether the explosions caused any casualties. As the delegates met in Paris, the Khmer Rouge's top diplomat was quoted in a French newspaper as saying that the resistance has taken up positions near the Cambodian capital.

The Khmer Rouge is the strongest member of a three-faction resistance coalition battling the Vietnamese-backed government of President Hun Sen. The other two resistance factions are non-communist groups loyal to Prince Norodom Sihanouk and Son Sann, a former prime minister.

"It's not out of the question that we will liberate one or two provincial capitals to force the other side's hand," said Khien Samphan, according to the conservative daily Le Figaro.

He also said some units were stationed less than 40 kms (25 miles) from Phnom Penh.

An Associated Press reporter recently confirmed guerrilla claims that the guerrillas have seized much of the northern countryside from Hun Sen's army during the current rainy season.

The insurgents are shelling and staging guerrilla attacks on provincial capitals, cutting highways and attacking government convoys.

Guerrilla commanders say they are preparing for full-scale assaults on the cities of Kompong Thom and Siem Reap, and the ancient temples of Angkor.

Experts see China, the main supporter of the Khmer Rouge, as the key to influencing the resistance. But Peking distrusts Vietnam, which it has fought border wars, and has shown no apparent willingness to curtail its arms shipments.

S. Korean opposition to resign en masse

Timing has not been decided

SEOUL, South Korea, July 16. (AP) Leaders of South Korea's parliamentary opposition said today their entire 78-member bloc will resign en masse as they intensify efforts to oust President Roh Tae-Woo's ruling party.

The planned resignations are to protest the government's alleged railroading of controversial bills through the parliament. Critics, including protesting broadcast workers and students, say the legislation is part of a government attempt to tighten its grip on the nation's news media.

Mass resignations could precipitate a crisis in domestic politics at a time the government is preparing for high-level unification talks between North and South Korea.

A statement released by the leading opposition Party for Peace and Democracy said its 70 lawmakers will resign along with the eight members of the splinter Democratic Party. The statement said the timing had not

been decided.

The mass resignations would be the first in modern Korean history and would leave the 299-member national assembly with no opposition legislators.

"It is regrettable that the current National Assembly session has not been smooth," said today, he blamed the opposition for "paralyzing" the function of the parliament.

The two opposition political groups are under way to merge their parties and combine efforts to overthrow Roh's Democratic Liberal Party.

Kim Young-Sam, a former opposition leader who merged his political group with the ruling party earlier this year, said at a news conference today that mass resignations from the National Assembly were "irresponsible."

Under Korean law, the speaker of the National Assembly can either accept the resignations of refer them to a parliamentary vote. The nation's one-house legislature has been dissolved three times by dictatorial governments, but there have not been mass resignations.

Meanwhile, thousands of union workers at all radio and television networks continued their three-day strike to protest the parliament's passage of controversial broadcast bills.

The broadcast law at issue calls for, among other things, the creation of a private television network and a closer government look into the financing of the state-run KBS.

Union workers claim the law would weaken labour activity and make it easier for the government to control the nation's electronic media prior to general elections in 1992.

North Korea "categorically rejects" US President George Bush's demand that North Korea sign a safeguard agreement under the international nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, its official news agency reported today.

"As the United States continues to threaten us with nuclear stick, it has become very difficult for us to sign a safeguard agreement," a spokesman for the North Korean Foreign Ministry said in a statement distributed by the (North) Korean Central News Agency.

"If the United States removed a nuclear threat against us, we are fully ready to sign it with the IAEA any moment," the statement said.

Death penalty for pornography

BEIJING, July 16. (UPI) China decreed today that death is an appropriate punishment for some peddlers of pornography, apparently formalising the already widespread practice of executing those who peddle obscene materials.

The supreme people's court decreed established execution as the maximum penalty available for pornography, although official media reports suggested lesser penalties were available in many cases.

Iraq frees British nurse

LONDON, July 16. (AP) Iraq has released a British nurse who was jailed as an accomplice of a journalist executed as a spy, the foreign office said today.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, responding to overtures from President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia, released Parish for humanitarian reasons, the Foreign Office said.

"I hope it is part of a move to put relations with Britain back onto a more even keel," Foreign Office minister William Waldegrave said in an interview on BBC television.

Relations between Britain and Iraq have been strained, most recently by seizures in Britain of parts for nuclear bomb triggers and parts of an alleged "super gun" bound for Iraq.

Parish was put on a private jet bound for Lusaka, Zambia, said a Foreign Office spokesman, speaking on condition of anonymity.

She said her treatment in prison had been good, the spokesman said.

Parish, 63, was sentenced to 16 years in prison for allegedly assisting Farhad Bazoff, who was hanged March 15 in Baghdad.

Bazoff had been in Iraq working for the Observer, a Sunday newspaper published in London. He was arrested after visiting the site of an explosion in an Iraqi military plant.

Colleagues insisted he was not a spy, just an enthusiastic reporter.

Parish, a senior nursing officer at the Ibn Al Bitar hospital in Baghdad, was accused of driving Bazoff to the military complex 65 kilometres (40 miles) south of the capital.

The Iraqi government confirmed on Aug 17 that there had been an explosion, and said that 19 people had died.

Following Bazoff's execution, Britain recalled its ambassador from Iraq and expelled six Iraqi military trainees in protest.

British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd also announced a freeze on visits by government ministers to Iraq and cancelled a trade mission. However, Hurd rejected trade sanctions against Iraq.

Relations between the two countries were further strained in late March when British customs officers seized 40 components for nuclear bomb triggers at Heathrow airport. The parts were supposed to be put aboard an Iraqi Airways flight to Baghdad.

In April, customs officers seized massive steel tubing which had been ordered by Iraq. British authorities said the tubing appeared to be designed for a massive artillery gun.

"Through the recent difficulties with Iraq, our desire has been open and honest dialogue," the Foreign Office said.

"The release is a constructive signal that they share our desire. We hope that Parish's freedom is the latest step toward a new and more fruitful relationship with Iraq."

The Foreign Office said it had approached a number of states to seek Parish's release, and had not worked solely through Kaunda.

Adrian Hamilton, deputy editor of the Observer, said the release came as a surprise.

"Of course, they can never clear the decks when an innocent man has been hanged but we are still delighted by Parish's release," Hamilton said.

"She has been the most stalwart and formidable of women and has refused to give in to any kind of pressure to make a false statement."

The British embassy in Baghdad said in a statement that Parish was on her way to the Zambian capital Lusaka by air.

It was not clear why Parish, who has a daughter living in Britain, should head for Lusaka. British government sources said Kaunda may have been involved in negotiations for her release.

The government of President Saddam Hussein said the case was used to launch a diplomatic and media campaign against Iraq by the West, particularly Britain and the United States.

Britain withdrew its ambassador from Baghdad in March as part of limited protests at the execution of Bazoff.

The Foreign Office said then that one of the reasons Britain

did not break relations with Iraq over the hanging was to protect the interests of Parish. Relations worsened after British customs officers seized what they said were 40 nuclear triggers bound for Iraq and the British government said it had confiscated steel pipes made in Britain and ordered for a giant Iraqi "super gun."

Jews leaving Israel, their Zionist dreams faded or gone

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 16, (AP): While Israel welcomes tens of thousands of immigrants from the Soviet Union with hope and fanfare, thousands of Jews are leaving, their Zionist dreams faded. Officials expect more than 150,000 Soviet Jews to arrive this year, but about 40,000 Israelis will emigrate — roughly 1 per cent of the Jewish population of 3.8 million.

About 14,000 Israelis left last year. The increase in emigration can be blamed in part on the Soviet entry into already tight housing and job markets.

But emigration, especially to the United States, is a longstanding phenomenon.

By conservative estimates, 400,000 Jews have left in the four decades since Israel was founded. Population experts say the figure could double if it included Israelis who say they are leaving temporarily but never return.

The exodus is a serious blow to a country that was founded to gather Jewish exiles and worries about a burgeoning Arab population in Israel and the occupied territories.

Many of the emigrants are young and educated. Some are offspring of pioneer Zionist families.

Talks Arab officials to visit Soviets

MOSCOW, July 16, (Kuna): A Palestinian delegation is due here on Wednesday for talks with Soviet Foreign Ministry officials on the mass exodus of Soviet Jews to the occupied territories, Kuna reported today.

Palestinian diplomatic sources said the delegation, which will be headed by member of the PLO's executive committee Mahmoud Abbas, will also discuss with Soviet officials the formation of the recent Israeli government and the suspended US-PLO dialogue.

The same sources said the talks come within the bilateral consultations conducted by the joint Soviet-Palestinian committee.

During the visit, the Palestinian delegation will hold talks with deputy foreign minister as well as head of the Mideast and North Africa department at the Soviet Foreign Ministry.

Most head for the United States. New York and Los Angeles are estimated to have attracted 200,000 Israelis each.

"When you walk around New York City, you rarely pass one or two blocks without hearing Hebrew," said Mordechai Heiblum, a physicist who has

Easing crisis in Israel

New housing plan

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 16, (AP): Israel's ministerial immigration committee yesterday approved an emergency plan to house Soviet immigrants in hotels, youth hostels and sanatoriums, officials said.

Committee Chairman and Housing Minister Ariel Sharon said the new plan comes to ease the current housing crisis in Israel.

"I brought this proposal ... in order to block the skyrocketing housing prices and to stop the young couples, Israelis, from being thrown out of the apartments they live in," Sharon said on Israel Army Radio.

Rents have doubled and even tripled throughout Israel with the arrival of Soviet immigrant wave, which has totalled more than 63,000 since 1989. It is expected to reach a total of 150,000 this year.

Many Israelis have been forced out of their rented homes by the inflated housing prices, and some have taken to living in tents so as to enforce demands for

housing solutions.

According to government figures, the country's 20,000 available rental apartments will be filled up by the end of September.

The government has approved an emergency plan to import 3,000 prefabricated houses.

It also plans 48,000 new housing units in 1990 and expects to break ground for 16,000 units within the next six weeks. But in the interim period between October 1990 and December 1991, when the first new apartments become available, it will need some 100,000 housing solutions.

Under the present "direct absorption" programme, families of new immigrants get a housing subsidy of some \$27 a month and then rent apartments.

The new programme, instead, would direct them to hotels and youth hostels, and the housing subsidy would be used to rent rooms there. An absorption Ministry spokeswoman Ida Ben-Shitrit said.

spent 17 years in the United States and works for IBM research laboratories.

"I left because the possibilities in Israel were non-existent," Heiblum said. He plans to return, but said that was because he had a job directing a new programme to encourage the

return of Israeli scientists.

Michael Kleiner, head of the immigrant absorption committee in Parliament, said the government must act quickly to create jobs and housing.

"The immigration from the Soviet Union has sharpened the problems for young Israelis,"

said Kleiner, a senior legislator from Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's right-wing Likud bloc.

The warnings of growing emigration are echoed in the tent cities set up by homeless protesters outside the Parliament building in occupied Jerusalem and at city halls around the country.



Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir (right) carries the cushions from a couch on Sunday as part of the Jerusalem Hilton's donation of furniture to Soviet immigrants. The Hilton had recently refurbished its hotel and is donating much of the old furniture from its rooms to new immigrants living in the Jerusalem area (Reuter wirephoto)

One protester, Tal Yakov, said her brother plans to leave when he is discharged from the army because he has no hope of finding an apartment.

"There are many people today who are leaving. The best and the brightest, who gave their souls to this country," she told Israel

television.

Some accuse the government of indifference.

"The whole country is excited that in the next few years, 300,000 Soviet Jews will arrive, but when you say at least that many people have left, this does not shock anyone," said Boaz

Shviger of the Jewish agency, which helps settle arriving Jews.

Avi Pazner, an aide to Shamir, said: "If we have 100,000 immigrants and 10,000 who leave, we are still ahead by 90 per cent. It disturbs us, but it's not something vital. There is not much we can do."

Abbas torpedoes compromise plan

PLO won't bow to US, Arafat tells League

NICOSIA, July 16, (AP): Radical Palestinian leader Mohammed Abbas has torpedoed a PLO plan aimed at reviving the dialogue with the United States, suspended last month after an abortive seaborne raid on Israel by his commandos, senior PLO sources said today.

The officials, speaking by telephone from Tunis on condition of anonymity, said that under a compromise proposed by Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel Meguid, Abbas would resign from the Palestine Liberation Organisation's executive committee.

Washington would then resume the dialogue with the PLO through

"If he doesn't, the dialogue will remain severed," he added.

US President George Bush, suspended the 18-month-old dialogue June 20 after Arafat made no apparent move to punish Abbas as Washington demanded.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said June 28 that his government was trying to mediate a resumption of the dialogue. Egyptian Foreign Ministry sources confirmed that the effort is still under way.

The United States agreed to talk to the PLO after Arafat publicly renounced terrorism and recognized Israel in December 1988. The Americans had refused any contacts with the PLO until Arafat met those conditions.

The dialogue was at the time seen as a major breakthrough in the tortuous Middle East peace process. But Israel opposed it, as did many Palestinian radicals inside and outside the PLO.

In the May 30 attack, Libyan-based PLF commandos in rubber boats tried to land at a beach near Tel Aviv. Israeli forces intercepted them, killing four and capturing 12. There were no Israeli casualties.

Arafat's renunciation of terrorism involved halting attacks on civilians, but not necessarily on military targets.

Abbas, known as Abu Abbas, said the commandos were aiming for a military target in Israel even though they landed on a beach crowded with civilians.

But Washington rejected that and insisted the PLO expel Abbas and discipline him for trying to hamper peace efforts.

The sources said Abbas was to have submitted his resignation at a meeting of the PLO's Central Council scheduled for July 18 in Baghdad, capital of Iraq. When he refused to do so at the weekend, the PLO postponed the meeting.

Azzam Ahmed, the PLO's representative in Iraq, said the delay was to allow more consultations on the two key issues to be discussed, the suspended dialogue and the formation of a hardline government in Israel under Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

The PLF's chief spokesman in Baghdad, where Abbas has his main offices, said when asked if his leader planned to resign.

"This is a baseless report. It's a fabricated story by the United States and its cronies," Hussein Al Abid told the Associated Press in Baghdad.

One PLO official stressed: "Many in the PLO support punishing Abbas and any other leader who might jeopardise the peace overtures Arafat undertook in 1988."

"But this cannot happen through intimidation," the official said.

Ambassador Robert Pelletreau Jr in Tunis, and within a few weeks elevate the level of contacts, the sources said.

But Abbas, leader of the Palestine Liberation Front, one of nine factions in the PLO under chairman Yasser Arafat, rejected the proposal, the sources said.

"The chairman's in a corner," a senior PLO official said by telephone. "If he acts against Abu Abbas he'll appear to be bowing to America and incense the radicals in the movement even further."

EC to test Israel

Troika to probe Levy's thoughts

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 16, (Agencies): The European Community is sending three foreign ministers to Israel next week to test the commitment of new rightwing Foreign Minister David Levy to Middle East peace.

"The visit of the foreign ministers of Italy, Ireland and Luxembourg next week is supposed to serve as a hint as gentle as an elephant that the European Community does not intend to ease up on us," the newspaper Yedioth Ahronoth wrote on Monday.

The ministers, Gerry Collins of Ireland, Gianni De Michelis of Italy and Jacques Poos of Luxembourg, will be in Israel from the afternoon of July 23 to the morning of July 24, a foreign ministry spokesman said.

It is the first visit to Israel by the rotating "troika" handling the 12-nation community's foreign relations.

The "troika" wants to probe Levy's thoughts on Israel-Palestinian peace, foreign ministry director-general Reuven Merhav told Army Radio.

Levy, who has opposed Israel's steps toward peace talks over the past year, became foreign minister last month in the most right-wing government in the history of the Jewish state.

The visit was widely suspected in Israel to have been co-ordinated with the United States, which has been frustrated by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir in trying to convene Israeli-Palestinian talks.

The foreign ministers will also go to Tunis, Tunisia, home of the Arab League and the PLO, a commission spokesman said.

In violation of the joint Israeli-Jordanian truce committee agreement, the Israeli civil administration has decided to reduce the number of people who cross King Hussein and Prince Mohammad Bridges into the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip as of today.

The PLO's chief spokesman in Baghdad, where Abbas has his main offices, said when asked if his leader planned to resign.

"This is a baseless report. It's a fabricated story by the United States and its cronies," Hussein Al Abid told the Associated Press in Baghdad.

One PLO official stressed: "Many in the PLO support punishing Abbas and any other leader who might jeopardise the peace overtures Arafat undertook in 1988."

"But this cannot happen through intimidation," the official said.



An Israeli Army captain kicks a Palestinian in the buttocks yesterday as the soldier clears an area of town following a clash in which Palestinians attacked a home of a Palestinian suspected of collaborating with the Israeli authorities. (Reuter wirephoto)

West criticised for inaction over hostages

TEHRAN, July 16, (Reuters): The West's failure to press for the release of Iranian hostages in Lebanon and Iraq has been criticised by Iranian officials. Tehran and Damascus to win the freedom of Western hostages in Lebanon, an Iranian newspaper said today.

The Iranian Kayhan International said reports first issued by Iran's official news agency Irna nine days ago that a Western captive would soon be freed showed that Iran seriously wanted to end the hostage problem.

Tel Aviv police spokeswoman Dalia Gilad said Mrs Rhein, who holds both British and American passports, complained to London police on June 24 that three men attacked her with tear gas, threw her to the ground and abducted her daughter.

The Rheins have been fighting for legal custody of the child since they separated in 1988, the English daily Jerusalem Post reported.

Gilad said the abduction, allegedly at Rhein's request, occurred after a London court gave Mrs Rhein custody of Lindsay until the court resolves the couple's dispute.

Ms Gilad said Rhein was held for 48 hours under an international arrest warrant and the British request for extradition.

Israeli soldiers accused of abuses

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 16, (AP): An Israeli human rights group today accused soldiers of "an itchy trigger finger" in dealing with the Palestinian uprising and said nuclear firing orders resulted in many unnecessary deaths.

The report by Betsalel drew immediate criticism from the Army spokesman's office, which said it "contains many inconsistencies" and was "hangnag, incriminating and one-sided."

The spokesman's office refused to discuss the report's specific charges, saying it could not comment until the Israeli Supreme Court rules on a suit filed earlier this year challenging the Army's orders in the occupied territories.

According to figures compiled by the Associated Press, 723 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli soldiers or civilians during the 31-month rebellion against Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Killed

An additional 236 Palestinians have been killed by fellow Arabs, most on suspicion of collaboration with Israeli authorities. Forty-five Israelis have died in the violence.

The 60-page Betsalel report noted that shootings by soldiers accounted "for the overwhelming majority" of fatalities. It said there were "hundreds of cases in which death could have been averted."

The report blamed nuclear firing regulations that have led to "a tangle of interpretations" on when and how weapons can be used.

"The facts evoke an image of an itchy trigger finger, a lax observance of regulations, the absence of exhaustive investigations and a failure to mete out deterring and educational punishment," the Betsalel report said.

It added that these suggest that "legitimacy is conferred on unjustified firing and violation of the law."

The report was especially critical of the army's handling of Palestinian demonstrations, in which most of the deaths have occurred.

Army orders require soldiers to fire at a demonstrator's legs and to shoot to kill only if the soldier's life is threatened.

The report noted that just nine soldiers have been killed during the uprising, only one of them during a riot.

"These figures show that no direct correlation exists between the intensity of the danger to life and the circumstances in which soldiers may open fire," the report said.

It also criticised the Army's use of plastic bullets for punishment and deterrence, saying this was "an extremely grave and wholly improper usage."

The army introduced plastic bullets in July 1988 to try to cut down on the rate of fatalities. The army said the bullets are not lethal when fired from at least 70 metres (yards).

Syria-Iraq patch-up hope

Assad, Mubarak sign accords

CAIRO, July 16, (Agencies): Syrian President Hafez Al Assad said yesterday he was sure his country will patch up its longstanding differences with neighbouring archrival Iraq "no matter how long that may take."

Assad, visiting Egypt for the first time in 13 years, made the remarks in a joint news conference with President Hosni Mubarak following two days of talks at the Mediterranean resort city of Alexandria, about 140 miles north-west of Cairo.

Assad also played down differences between his government and the Palestine Liberation Organisation over Middle East peace efforts and sidestepped questions about whether his visit to Egypt indicated an acceptance of the 1979 Egyptian-Israeli Camp David peace accords.

Syria broke diplomatic relations with Cairo over the Camp David accords and only re-established ties last year.

MIDEAST BRIEFS

Israeli soldier kills neighbour: A hitchhiking Israeli soldier shot and killed his neighbour yesterday after the victim, a bus driver, gave him a lift, the army said.

Investigators quoted by Army radio said the two began arguing, possibly over a woman, and the soldier shot the driver with an automatic weapon.

The driver was on his way to pick up children and take them to summer camp when he stopped for the soldier.

The radio said the attacker surrendered to police after the shooting near the southern town of Sederot. (Reuter)

Kidnappers should be punished: Iran said today men of the pro-Syrian Amal militia had kidnapped and tortured an Iranian cameraman in Beirut and demanded that Amal leader Nabih Berri punish them.

Mehdi Memarian, who works for Iranian state television, was found badly beaten up in a Beirut hospital controlled by Amal on Wednesday after he went missing in Beirut's Shiite southern suburbs for 24 hours.

Egypt says arson suspect deranged: An Egyptian painter accused of setting fire to a Red Sea hotel and killing two European tourists is deranged, an Egyptian official said yesterday.

Preliminary investigations showed the man was not acting on behalf of any organisation trying to harm Egypt's tourist industry or security. Assistant Interior Minister General Fakhr Al Din Khalid told Egypt's Middle East News Agency.

Khalid said the 25-year-old painter "acted out of madness." (Reuter)

Rebel rockets kill five: Eight rockets battered the Afghan capital on Sunday, killing five people and wounding another 11, the state-run radio said.

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In 1979, more than 115,000 Red Army troops intervened in Afghanistan to prop up an ailing communist government and crush a burgeoning Muslim insurgency. (AP)

Jordan hails Arab summit: Jordanian Prime Minister Mudhar Badran has said that recent Arab summit conference held in Baghdad had a clear message to the whole world that the Arab national security is an integral matter and that this security includes the economic, military, political and social fields.

In an interview with Al Sayassah newspaper published yesterday, Badran said following Baghdad summit, the world should deal with the Arabs in a different way as this summit had created a new situation that is different from the past. (Kuna)

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"Regarding Iraq, the problem has been known for years but in the final analysis, we are two Arab countries and will reach agreement no matter how long that may take," Assad said.

Mubarak said: "The prospects look much better by far now with respect to Iraq," and cited an easing of the propaganda war between the two Arab nations.

Efforts to reconcile Assad with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, his arch ideological foe, are being spearheaded by Saudi Arabia and are aimed at achieving Arab unity before a regional summit next November.

Egyptians officials said both Assad and Saddam would attend next the November Arab summit meeting in Cairo.

"Regarding the PLO, there is no problem between Syria and the PLO and there are no essential issues to differ over," Assad said.

Asked if Syria was prepared to join moderate Arab nations in a "serious and constructive" Middle East peace effort, Assad said, "We are ready depending on circumstances."

Mubarak has said that both King Hussein of Jordan and Assad would join the peace process if they felt that there was a seriousness of purpose.

Mubarak said he and Assad discussed bilateral relations and the peace-making process during their meetings.

"We are waiting for the outcome of the American-Israeli negotiations," he said, apparently referring to an expected meeting between US Secretary of State James Baker and Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy.

Egypt and Syria today signed two accords at the conclusion of the three-day visit by Assad.

Mubarak and Assad signed the first agreement which stipulates that both leaders would meet once a year to follow up development of bilateral relations.

Both leaders, according to the agreement will also review the outcome of meetings of the joint Syrian-Egyptian supreme committee that is chaired by premiers of the two states.

seeking Israeli citizenship with plans to stay on with his daughter.

Israeli newspapers said Rhein was walking down a major Tel Aviv street with his daughter when he was apprehended. They said he was shopping for linens to furnish the apartment he had recently rented.

Rhein's lawyer, Arye Chertok, alleges that Mrs Rhein obtained temporary custody of her daughter from British courts after she illegally moved Lindsay to England from France. He has fought his own custody case in France.

"The mother was the one who kidnapped the girl," Chertok told the Hebrew daily Hadashot. "The mother is ... making up stories."

Israeli authorities reunite British mother, daughter and jail American father for kidnap

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 16, (AP): Israeli authorities have reunited 4-year-old Lindsay Rhein with her British mother, Jill, after arresting her father on suspicion of kidnapping the child, a British embassy official said today.

American film producer Stewart Rhein, 50, was taken into custody Friday by Tel Aviv police, who were acting on a request from British police and Interpol.

"Mother and child have been reunited under the auspices of Israeli social services, but Israeli courts have yet to reach a final view on the custody decision," said Tom Phillips, head of the British chancery.

He added that Israel has begun extradition proceedings against Rhein but declined to give details.

Tel Aviv police spokeswoman Dalia Gilad said Mrs Rhein, who holds both British and American passports, complained to London police on June 24 that three men attacked her with tear gas, threw her to the ground and abducted her daughter.

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Ms Gilad said Rhein was held for 48 hours under an international arrest warrant and the British request for extradition.

The Tel Aviv magistrate's court on Sunday extended the remand for 15 days at the request of the Israeli state prosecutor, she said. He is being held at Abu Kabir prison in Tel Aviv.

Israel's daily Hadashot said magistrate's court judge Haim Elit said Rhein should be held until a formal extradition request arrived from London. Elit did not allow bail, saying Rhein had previously shown disrespect for court orders, the paper said.

After Rhein's arrest, Lindsay was put in the custody of the child welfare board in Tel Aviv. She remains under the custody of the board, but was reunited with her mother on Sunday, Phillips said.

Rhein, who is Jewish, arrived in Israel July 2, apparently

KUWAIT ... GULF

Committee to follow up on new school year

17,000 new students registered

ASSISTANT Undersecretary for Private Education Affairs at the Ministry of Education, Dr Yaqoob Al Sharrar said a special committee was formed to follow up on preparations for the coming academic year at private schools. The committee is headed by the director of the Private Education Department.

Interviewed by a local daily, he added

that the committee will design a plan for technical supervisors and distribute them among schools to ensure the completion of requirements. The committee will also look into schools requirements of headmasters and will follow up the opening of new private schools during the coming years. He pointed out that the committee will continue its work until Sept 1990 in addition to urging schools towards renewing their licences.

Dr Sharrar expected that the number of new students during the coming academic year at Arab and non-Arab schools will reach 17,000 at kindergarten and primary stages. He stated that schools have been informed by the department of all

measures required for the admission of new students.

With respect to hiring new teachers, he said that the department has this year followed a new system to give schools the opportunity to conduct personal interviews with teachers according to conditions set by the ministry.

Islamic museum publishes new book

IN a 200-page book published by the Kuwait House of Islamic Antiquities in different languages, Arabic, Russian and English, a comprehensive survey is provided for Islamic works of art exhibited at the Soviet Hermitage Museum, entitled, "The Masterpieces of Islamic Art in the Soviet Union."

The book, published in glossy-quality paper, provides among other things, definitions for Islamic exhibits at the Hermitage Museum, with illustrations and clear accounts of the artistic and historical value of the object in question.

The foreword to the book is taken from a speech of HH Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad on true human value and artistic treasures of the Islamic civilisations as reflected in different aspects of life. Particular reference is accorded to the artistic contributions of Islam to enrich the immortal architectural, urban and intellectual walks of life and the Soviet Union's share of Islamic art and masterpieces that are displayed at the Hermitage Museum.

The director of the house Sheikh Hussa Al Sabah, said in introducing the artistic works contained in the book that it took a great deal of co-operation, effort and interdependence from the house and the Soviet Hermitage Museum team over the past few months to put this book in print.

Dr Anatoli Evonov, supervisor of the Orient Section at the Hermitage Museum said in the book that the museum used its rare and valuable collection of Islamic works of art on its permanent exhibitions in the Middle East, Asia Minor, India and other areas, which reflect the historical relations that tied Russia to Islamic civilisations.

He said that the Orient Section contained 30,000 masterpieces of Islamic art, besides coins and traditional weapons. He added that the total number of objects on display from Oriental art reach 180,000 pieces, and types of coins used by ancient Islamic civilisations on display at the museum is about 150,000.

He said that these rare acquisitions were in fact gifts presented to embassies established in St Petersburg, the new capital of Russia in the first half of the 18th century, before the establishment of the museum in 1764.

He added that these acquisitions were in part war gains carried by the Russian combatants fighting against the Turks in the 18th century.

Al Ghanim selected dean of students

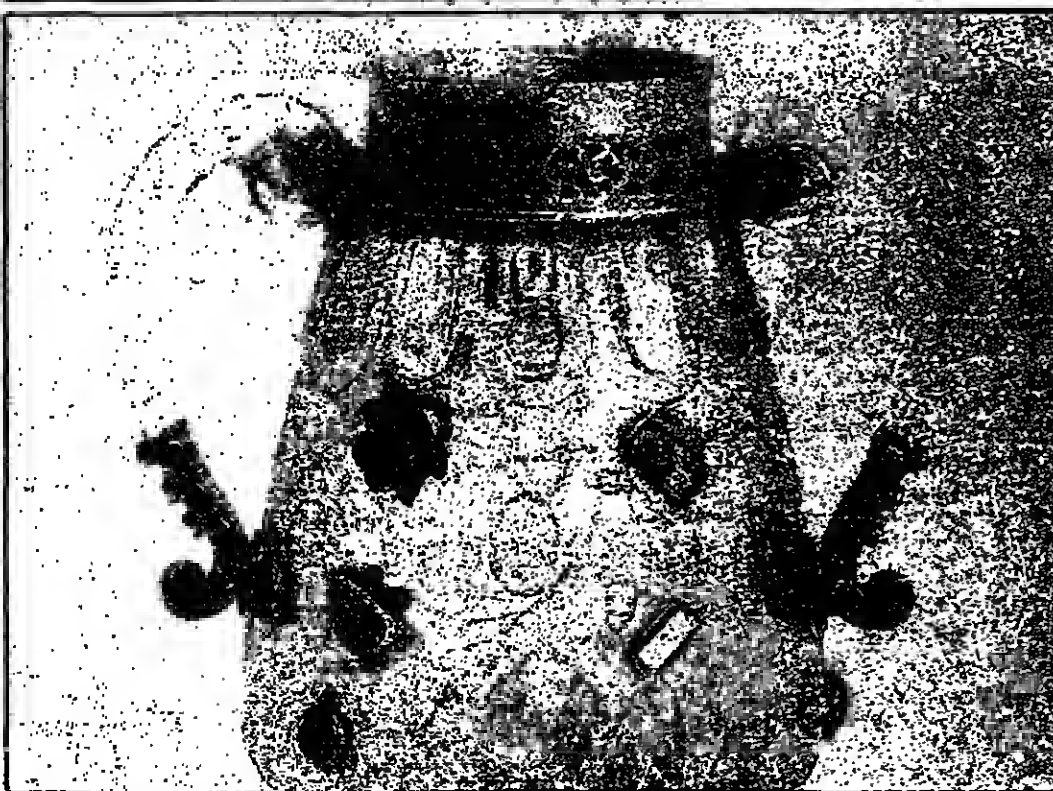
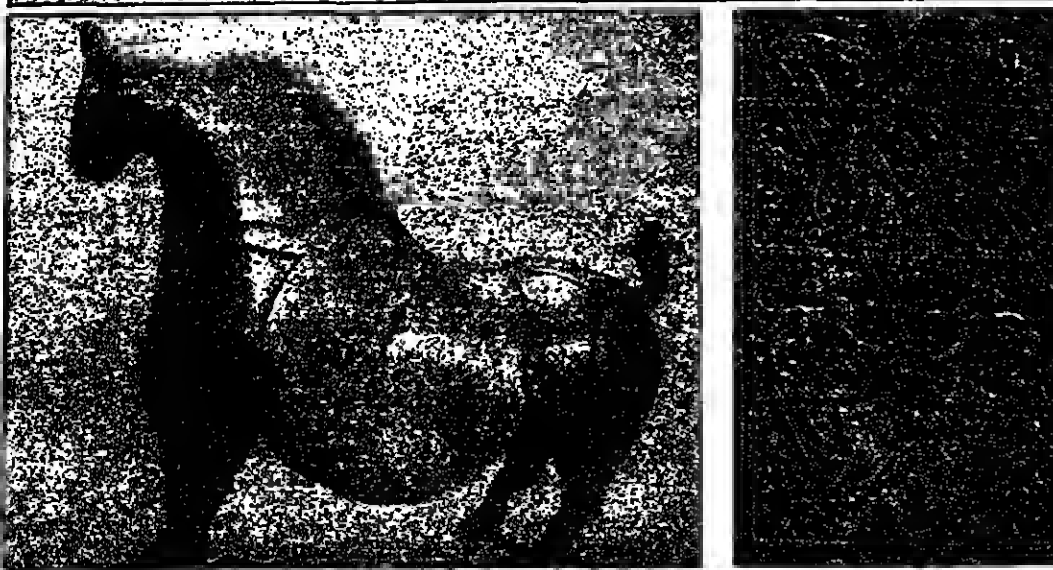
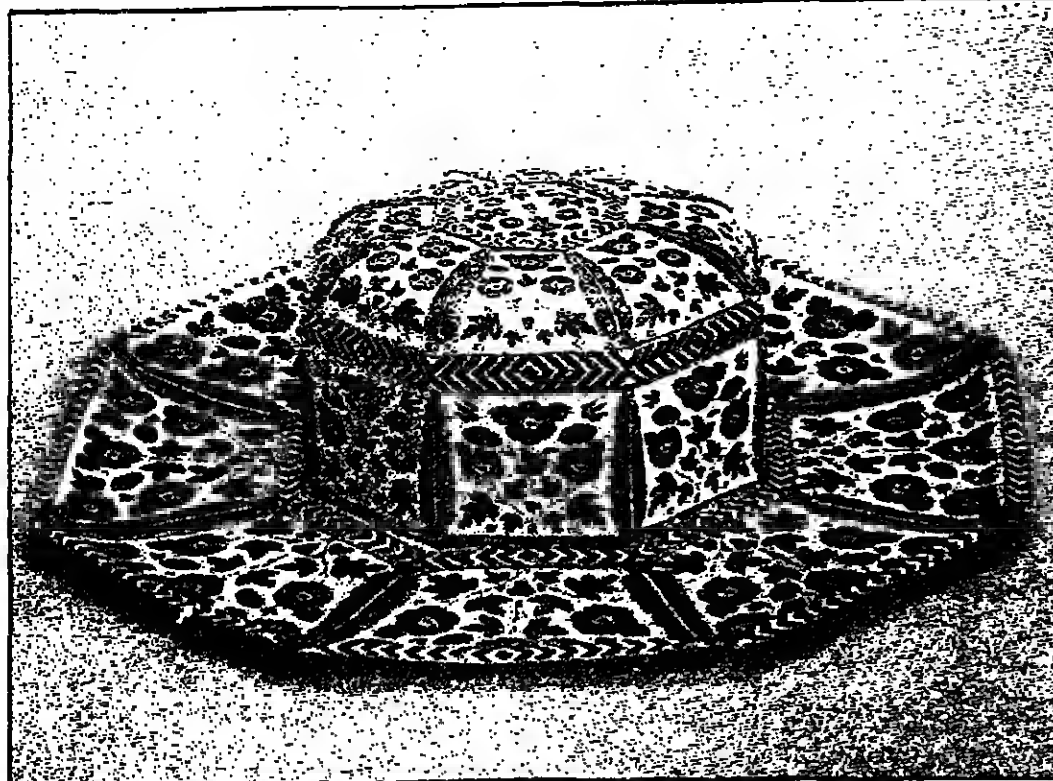
THE committee entrusted with the election of a dean of students affairs has reportedly selected Dr Abdul Aziz Al Ghanim for the position. Dr Al Ghanim is a member of the teaching staff at the Education Department in the College of Education at the university.

Well-informed sources at the university said that the committee, formed by a decision from the university rector Dr Shuaib Abdullah Shuaib, said that its decision on the new dean was based on a number of factors mainly the efficiency in treating students exhibited and his high-level of academic performance.

Jordan to collect money from expats

AMMAN, July 16, (Kuna): A royal decree today endorsed collecting a sum of money from Jordanian expatriates in return for relieving them of the compulsory military service.

An official source told Kuna that the Jordanian government will issue instructions in the next couple of days determining the exact sum of money which would be in hard currency.



Some of the exhibits enumerated in the new book by the House of Islamic antiquities in Kuwait.

AMC distributes 21,500 sacrifices to Africans

320 embrace Islam

THE secretary-general of the African Muslims Committee Dr Abdul Rahman Al Sumait has said that the committee has sponsored the slaughter of 21,500 sacrifices in and outside Kuwait this year.

He told Kuna that the total number of beneficiaries from these sacrifices were 752,500 people. The sacrifices were distributed by the branch offices of the committee in 21 African countries.

He said that the number of sacrifices slaughtered in Rwanda alone was 259, and the number of beneficiaries reached 2,650. The number of beneficiaries in Burkina Faso was 4,472.

He also said that in Gambia 778 sacrifices were slaughtered with an increase of 253 over the needed quantity and that the number covered the needs of poor families in more than 90 villages, and a number of hospitals and prisons.

In Chad, he added, more than 19,095 people benefitted from the sacrifices, of whom 1020 people were from the city of Absha and the suburbs. The sacrifices were enough to go round a number of clinics, hospitals, the central prison and a few schools.

Refugees

Meanwhile, an official at the AMC said that massacres continue against African Muslims in Liberia unabated since the entry of rebels into the country.

The official said in a press statement that more than 350 Muslims from the city Cacatu were killed in addition to 500 Muslim refugees including women and children were mercilessly butchered.

The official said that these Muslim victims were

not involved in any political or military matters. The committee had dispatched four relief teams with aid to the refugees who crossed the borders into Guinea. These refugees are reportedly feeding on grass and tree leaves.

He said that the committee has recalled all Muslim preachers from Liberia for work on the relief missions operating in Guinea.

The committee has called on all the Muslims to support their Muslim brethren and extend all possible relief and aid to Liberia to help them defend themselves and save their souls and properties.

Converts

In a related development, a report from the Islamic Heritage Revival Society based in Kuwait showed that more than 320 persons embraced Islam by efforts of preachers of society in many countries of the world. The report showed that large numbers of people living in the areas round Umm Durman of Sudan embraced Islam. The report added that there are some missionary activities made among Sudanese people in the southern area. These activities are being supported by the foreign missionary establishments.

On the other hand, sources said that the society has about 820 preachers and teachers of Quran working in different countries of the world. They added that their efforts and activities are considered insignificant compared to activities of missionaries that are sent to the Islamic world. Statistics show that about 100,000 persons are working in more than 100 Christian missionary establishments and organisations in the world.

Magnetic card phone booths for trunk calls

THE Ministry of Communications has introduced a new magnetic card system within the service of international telephone calls in public telephone booths.

In a press statement made by the ministry, an official stated that this new service will be made available in public areas in order to facilitate residents and citizens who do not have their own phones to make international calls. The old system only extended such services at ministry centres.

The official added that the ministry is well prepared to co-operate with any party requesting the installation of the new device, priority being accorded to places where the population density is high.

The ministry's current plan depends on installing these devices at co-op's and public areas in addition to mounting more operating devices at ministry centres.

The ministry statement indicated that there are three types of magnetic cards, the first for KD 2, the second KD 5 and the third for KD 10. The new devices have guidance steps in order to show how to operate their calls. Call charge will be indicated according to minutes.

Meanwhile the director of the General Services Department at the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training, Meshari Al Othman has said that the authority in co-operation with the Ministry of Communications have completed preparations for the installation of the international calling system using magnetic cards inside the authority buildings. The new devices will be installed at various buildings. Three of the devices will be installed at the Educational College, Commercial Studies College, and the Technical Studies College.

He indicated that the authority will generalise the new service centres as soon as possible.

Maintenance loans begin

By Nawwaf Al Hamil

THE Savings and Credit Bank began yesterday the implementation of the decision calling for distributing maintenance loans to citizens who have been residing at their houses for more than ten years.

An official bank source stated that the bank received citizens loans applications. Each loan value is KD 10,000 which will be paid to owners of these houses in stages.

Weather

HOT summer weather with moderate easterly wind may freshen at times.
State of sea: Moderate
High water: 6:00 am, 8:00 pm
Low water: 1:00 am, 12:00 noon
Sunrise: 4:59 am
Sunset: 6:48 pm
Maximum temperature recorded:
Kuwait: 49°C (120°F)
Ahmadia: 46°C (115°F)
Fahla: 45°C (113°F)
Maximum temperature expected:
Kuwait: 48°C (118°F)
Ahmadia: 46°C (115°F)
Fahla: 45°C (113°F)
Minimum temperatures recorded:
Kuwait: 33°C (91°F)
Ahmadia: 35°C (95°F)
Fahla: 35°C (95°F)
Maximum humidity recorded:
Kuwait: 19 per cent
Ahmadia: 34 per cent
Fahla: 30 per cent

Independent Cassation Court plan for September

Judiciary to be Kuwaitised

A NEW independent Court of Cassation will be set up in September, according to the assistant undersecretary for legal affairs and planning at Kuwait's Ministry of Justice, Khaled Al Mudhaf.

In an interview with a local daily, the official said that the setting up of the Cassation Court will alleviate the application of legal rules and principles in the different courts.

He confirmed that the ministry's plan includes the setting up of new departments at the Court of Appeal and the Court of First Instance for meeting the increasing number of cases in these courts.

The official also said that the ministry will go ahead in Kuwaitising the country's judiciary as well as other technical and administrative posts at the ministry including the experts department, real estate registration department and the ratification department.

He added that the ministry is striving to upgrade the efficiency of its employees by organising regular training courses. He clarified that the ministry has organised training courses for new public prosecutors and some of them have been sent on scholarship to Egypt to attend the Institute of Judicial Studies to have the necessary training. He pointed out that such a step fell in with the implementation of Judicial Co-operation Protocol

which was recently concluded between Kuwait and Egypt.

Apart from the ministry has prepared intensified training courses for a number of its technical and administrative cadres in co-operation with Kuwait's Public Authority for Applied Education and Training (PAAET).

The official praised judicial co-operation between Kuwait and other Arab countries. He pointed out that Kuwait has shown persistent presence in this field particularly through the Arab League. He referred to Kuwaiti co-operation initiatives which had been submitted to the seven conferences of the Arab Justice Ministers and the positive role played by Kuwait in this connection. This was crowned with the hosting of the Sixth Arab Justice Ministers conference which took place in Kuwait in 1988. This conference had adopted the Kuwaiti document of personal statute.

In this context, the official said that Kuwait had concluded an agreement for judicial co-operation with Egypt, Tunisia and Lebanon. These agreements included rules for judgement enforcement and extradition.

Speaking of expertise exchange between his ministry and its counterparts in other Arab countries, the assistant undersecretary said that the ministry had deputed several legal and judicial delegations to some Arab countries including

Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and others to take part in conferences hosted by these countries in addition to help sustain judicial relations between Kuwait and these countries.

Speaking of the setting up of Kuwait Institute for Judicial and Legal Studies, the official said that the minister of justice and legal affairs issued the relevant ministerial decision in 1989 for the formation of a committee which was chaired by the deputy chairman of Higher Court of Appeals in order to comprehensively study the setting up of such an institute.

He added that the committee had performed its task and the relevant report has been submitted to the minister.

In a related development, the director of experts department at Kuwait's Ministry of Justice Fawzi Al Whab said that several new divisions had been set up at the department which will help settle urgent cases.

He disclosed that there were about 37 Kuwaiti experts working in the department. This figure represents about 50 per cent of the experts working in the department.

National Council

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documentary evidence supporting the case. The complaint against the member should be submitted to the Speaker who will refer it to the legislation committee which will investigate the case to safeguard the interest of the member.

Article 20 states that any member who does not attend any meeting would have to provide the Speaker of the House with a valid reason. Leave application should be for a maximum period of one month, to be approved by the Speaker.

Article 23 stipulates that during the term of membership, a member is not entitled to buy, or rent any government properties and vice-versa cannot rent or sell any of his properties to the government. Should a member need to transact such dealings, these will be conducted through public auction or tender or by implementation through the mandatory appropriation system. A member is not permitted to use or permit the use of his official title in any financial, industrial or commercial activities.

Article 30 states that members also agreed that the council's annual eight-month session will not be closed before approving its budget, prior to being submitted to the government.

Article 63 stipulates that 11 committees will be formed. The first will review the past parliamentary experience.

Article 74 states that committee proceedings are confidential and minutes of meetings will be signed by the president and secretary of the council. A member could attend committee sessions where he is not a member of the particular committee with the provision that the committee in question will approve his request.

However, audit members attending other than their own committee sessions will not interfere or express any opinions during such sessions. Every council member has the right to look at the minutes of meetings after informing the committee of such a desire.

Article 75 states that the committee for the evaluation of the previous parliamentary experience will present the council every three months' reports on its deliberations which will be discussed in confidential sessions.



Mohamed Al Barges, speaking during the council session.

Article 76 stipulates that all committees, except first, can submit their reports and recommendations within a limit of three weeks and any delay in submission has to be approved by the speaker of the following meeting.

Article 83 also stipulates that the National Council is empowered to undertake studies of negative aspects which hinder co-operation between the judiciary and executive bodies. The council will also recommend measures directed to ensure the unity and stability of the country in accordance with Islamic laws.

Article 102 states that the council has the right to express its wishes to the cabinet on general issues. In the eventuality the cabinet fails to consider these issues, reasons will be indicated. The council will discuss and express its opinions on government programmes.

The ongoing first session of the council is a "historical event in the annals of Kuwait's history," said Mohamed Al Barges, a member of the council.

He attributed this significant achievement to the pragmatic and political insight of HH the Amir.

The basic concept in bringing about the formation of this council is manifold, Barges said and added that the pivotal role is to be played by the younger generation of Kuwait on whose shoulders the future responsibilities of the nation will rest, coupled with ensuring stability and opportunities for all Kuwaitis without any distinctions.

Barges urged all members of the council to work with a "co-operation spirit" to attain the high ideals, principles laid down by HH the Amir.

NC discusses standing order

KUWAIT, July 16, (Kuna): The Kuwait Interim National Council today opened discussions of the first item on its agenda, namely the project of the 142-article standing order, which organises the council's affair.

Local daily newspaper quoted council speaker Abdul Aziz Al Mesaeed as saying that the members of the council held consultations in the past couple of days to organise a general framework for the discussion of the standing order, which has been drafted by the parliamentary committee. It has also been typewritten and distributed to members along with agenda.

Mesaeed added that the council will hold at least five sessions before the start of the summer recess, lauding the compliance of members towards focussing on the key aspects in the standing order.

In the same line daily-Seyasah quoted sources as saying that the drafting committee of the standing order has introduced a new set of query regulations, under which members have the right to present any minister with an inquiry and receive an answer, either immediately and orally, or within a 15-day time limit.

It indicated that the government was fully co-operative with the committee during the drafting of the standing order.

Car turns over in Rigga

A CAR turned over in the Rigga area after colliding with other car. The collision resulted in the death of a passenger in the overturned car, injured the driver and also caused several injuries to passengers of the other car.

In another accident, the driver of a car was injured in a collision with another car in the Ahmadia Governorate.

Another traffic accident involving a water tanker in the Abkhani caused injuries to a Sri Lankan national identified as Abdul Jabbar N who was knocked down by the tanker.

An individual identified as Gazi A. also suffered injuries when he was knocked down by a speeding car in south of Jahra.

According to police sources a total of 22 road accidents occurred during the last 24 hours: two in the Capital, 12 in the Ahmadia area and 8 in Jahra.

Dubai airshow to include land and sea defence

THE Dubai '91 air show, which will take place in January next year, has been substantially expanded to include land and sea defence equipment.

The tremendous success of the previous show in 1989 and a strong demand from the industry for the enlargement of the show's profile means that Dubai '91 could be more than three times the size of its predecessor.

"With several hundred companies so far committed to the 1991 event, the exhibition is already double that of 1989," said Virginia Kern, managing director of show organisers, Fairs and Exhibitions Ltd.

Praising the government of Dubai for its major role in ensuring the success of the exhibition, Kern added: "The facilities now being designed and constructed by the government will make Dubai, without doubt, the best aerospace and defence show ground in the world. Additional facilities for demonstrating land and sea equipment will be made available."

The Dubai '91 International Aerospace and Defence Exhibition will be held from January 27-31 at Dubai International Airport. A conference on commercial aviation, organised by Emirates, will run simultaneously and there are plans for a defence conference in Abu

Dhabi.

"The raising of the profile of the defence sector has the support of the UAE Armed Forces who are strongly behind the project and are actively participating in the event," Kern said.

Annual spending on defence in the Arab world has exceeded \$60 billion in recent years and, in some cases, it represents up to 30 per cent of all government spending.

Dubai '91 is presented in co-operation with the government of Dubai, Department of Civil Aviation, and Dubai International Airport and organised in collaboration with the UAE Armed Forces.

The number of exhibitors in the aerospace section alone is expected to exceed 350, compared to 200 last year, and among the major national groups which have confirmed their presence are Britain, France, Holland, the United States and West Germany.

The construction of a third exhibition hall with 15,000 square metres of additional space is currently under way at the Dubai International Airport show site while hospitality facilities have been greatly enlarged.

More than 10,000 industry-linked visitors attended Dubai '89 and the organisers envisage a major increase in number next January. "We have already been informed of intended visits by official delegations from the majority of Middle Eastern countries," Kern added.

Kasco ready to accept 11 KAC employees: Nafisi

Working without salary report

THE director of public relations and information at Kuwait Airways Corporation (KAC) Abdullah Al Nafisi has said that Kuwait Aviation Services Company (Kasco) is willing to appoint the 11 Kuwaiti employees who had reported that they are working with Kuwait Airways Corporation without salary.

and they will be appointed in accordance with the employment stipulations of the company, the official said.

The official was commenting on a statement issued recently by the chairman of the labour union at KAC who said that there are eleven Kuwaitis working in KAC without salaries. He commented that

Kuwait Aviation Services Company is affiliated to KAC, and the transfer of some services to Kasco is in keeping with the systems generally applied in the civil aviation sector.

He confirmed that the employees of Kasco are entitled to privileges identical to that of their colleagues in KAC. He added that some departments at KAC had been

closed and accordingly the employees of these departments were being transferred to Kasco.

Meanwhile, the official has denied that the pension positions of these employees will be affected, describing the statement of the chairman of the labour union in this connection as baseless.

Further amendments in Labour Law requested

Call to cancel guarantees

THE recent ministerial decision amending the labour law in the private sector received enthusiastic response at several levels particularly among the labour sector, establishments and companies.

To highlight this issue, the daily Al-Sayassah monitored the reaction of some employers and employees, who have mostly expressed satisfaction on the issue and in the meanwhile, have called for more facilities in this connection.

Mohammad Khaja, an employer, said that the government is always striving to realise the interest of citizens and expatriates. The transfer of residence of expatriates after two years instead of three will positively reflect on the development of companies and establishments, he said. He added that: "This revision is good for both the employer and employee and will obviate labour monopoly."

However, he called for specifically cancelling the financial guarantee system. Issam Abu Rasheed, representative (Mandoub) said that the revision of the article concerning the residence transfer had positively impressed the people in the country. These amendments had added more flexibility to the labour movement in the country and will surmount the workforce monopoly, he said.

Freedom Hussain Al Khaldi, an employer described the amendments as very fair which had provided relative freedom for both employers and employees. Khaled Al Mutairi an employer expressed satisfaction at the ministerial decision and called for the cancelling of financial guarantees.

Artist Jassim Al Nabhan expressed great satisfaction over

this decision and called for the cancelling of the financial guarantee. He called for the review of the fines to be paid by violators, clarifying that some people unintentionally forget the expiry date of their residence or the residence for their servants. He suggested that the transfer of family visas to work visas should be settled by the director of the respective department instead of the minister since such a measure will alleviate the minister's burdens.

Salem Al Saadi, director of public relations at one local company, said that the recent ministerial decision amending the labour law in the private sector impressed all the people in the country. He said that he came to the ministry to ask for an exception to exempt his company from the condition of three years for transferring the residence, but he was surprised to know that a ministerial decision in this connection had already been issued.

Surprised An expatriate identified as Nadia Zaidan said she came to the ministry to interview the minister to ask him for an exception allowing her brother to transfer his residence from the government sector to the private one, and she was surprised to see that the new decision has settled this issue.

Seyassah also quoted a senior economic source as saying that the decision which had been issued recently by the Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Jaber Al Abdullah Al Jaber Al Sabah was keeping in line with the country's requirements which are represented by realising a qualitative leap which HH the Amir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed is striving for.

Headed that the decision was

effected to keep abreast with the circumstances prevailing in the arena.

He clarified that the forthcoming stage requires more efforts for boosting the Kuwaiti economy in order to accomplish the economic march, the pillars of which have been laid down by HH the Amir.

He confirmed the importance of the private sector in the country's economic and social march. In conclusion, the official expressed hopes that the future will be better than the present as the present is better than the past.

Meanwhile, the deputy director-general of the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry Agail Ahmad Al-Jassem described the latest amendments in the labour law endorsed by the Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Jaber Al Abdullah Al Jaber Al Sabah as a kind response by the minister to the requests of businessmen and the chamber.

He told a local daily that the chambers participation in the meetings of the 77th session of the International Labour Conference in Geneva, at which a remark was made against the failure by Arab information media to use the day allocated for discussion of the labour issue of the Arab people of Palestine, as it was then discussed at the conference for the first time in the presence of more than 200 representatives from 150 countries, besides officials from the International Labour Organisation.

He said that June 14 was allocated for discussion of this subject, which dealt with the situation of Palestinian workers under Israeli occupation, and the need for greater role of the Arab information media to highlight this event.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sudan message

KUWAIT, July 16, (Kuna): His Highness the Amir today received member of the Sudanese Revolutionary Command Council of the National Salvation Colonel Othman Ahmed Hassan who delivered to His Highness a message from Sudanese President Omar Al Bashir.

The meeting was attended by Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed and Sudanese ambassador to Kuwait.

Amir receives Ghabid KUWAIT, July 16, (Kuna): His Highness the Amir today received Secretary-General of the Organisation of Islamic Conference Dr Hamid Al Ghabid.

The meeting was attended by Foreign Ministry Undersecretary Suleiman Majid Al Shabeh.

Premier receives

KUWAIT, July 16, (Kuna): His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah today received member of the Sudanese Revolutionary Command Council for National Salvation Colonel Othman Ahmed Hassan and the accompanying delegation.

The meeting was attended by Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed and the Sudanese Ambassador to Kuwait.

Sports clubs

KUWAIT, July 16, (Kuna): Social Affairs and Labour Minister Sheikh Jaber Al Abdullah Al Jaber yesterday issued a decision forming a sports club for Kuwaiti banks.

The decision said that the club would be allocated to banks' employees to promote social links among them.

The club, which was founded by nine banks, will have a board of directors consisting of a representative of each member bank.

GCC youth

RIYADH, July 16, (Kuna): The seventh meeting of the GCC youth social committee began today at the GCC headquarters in Riyadh.

The committee will review proposals for developing the social activities of youth during 1990 and 1991 that include the overland journey in Qatar in 1990, seventh working camp to be held in the UAE in January, 1991, the third external working camp in 1991 and children's festival to be held in Kuwait in the same year.

Cleaning contract

THE Minister of State for Municipal Affairs Fahad Al Hasawi signed a contract last week with the Kuwait National Company for Real Estate Services to clean and remove garbage from Bneid Al Qar, Dasmah, Darya, Shaah, Mansouriyah, Qadisiya, Nuzha and Rawdhah areas for three years. The contract is valued at K.D. 979,975.

Kuna premises

THE Ministry of Public Works began supervising works to complete the main premises of Kuwait News Agency (Kuna) which are expected to be completed in January 1992 at a total cost of K.D. 410,341.

Works include construction and maintenance as well as completing the main building which will consist of a basement and five floors.

The works include tiling, fountains, plants, services, furniture, lifts and electrical and sanitary works, including central air-conditioning with automatic fire-fighting systems.

The premises will be equipped with the latest in communication equipment, films, and tapes, a complete computer floor. It will also include a big theatre, lecture room, meeting rooms, a special prayer area and a specially designated place for exhibits.

Parcel sizes

THE postal affairs department of the Communications Ministry has announced the availability of different sizes of cartons to be used in postal parcels. These boxes are available in all post offices. The announcement determined the sizes of boxes and their prices as follows:

250x170x95 ml for 100 fils
300x200x100 ml for 150 fils
350x320x145 ml for 200 fils
400x250x170 ml for 250 fils
The ministry appealed to the public to use these boxes.



Summer club for girls

The director of Dhahr Summer Club for Girls, Amina Al Marzouk, has said that about 300 girls joined the club from its inception and the number of members is increasing. The club serves girls living in Dhahr, Hadiya, and west of Fintas and the official said over 400 members will join the club this summer as a number of girls in the club visited many houses in these areas to convince girls to join the club which was a successful campaign. She added that girls are given full freedom to join any activity they want in the club according to their hobbies.

She pointed out that computer and electronic games attract many girls. The club offers a number of cultural, scientific, social and sporting programmes. The girls also pay visits to a number of ministries, establishments and touristic places in the country.

Marzouk added that the Ministry of Education meets all demands of summer clubs. But she

demanded separate buildings for summer clubs instead of using schools. Members should be made to feel they are inside real clubs and not schools, the official commented.

The sports activities supervisor Sara Al Subaie said that about 50 girls participate in different sports activities in the club and members are expected to increase. She added that most girls prefer to come in the evening period. The girls have several games options like: basketball, volleyball, table tennis and handball.

The supervisor of the computer class Nadia Abdulla said that 45 girls are getting training on 10 computer sets in the club. Each one has one hour to use the computer. The librarian, Etidal Awadh, said that about 50 to 60 girls visit the library everyday especially in the evening. The library contains different topics of books that are suitable for all ages.

Pictures show girls at a music class (above), and at a sewing class (below).



Farwaniya Governorate

Housing issue being addressed: governor

SHEIKH Ahmed Al Hmoud Al Sabah, the governor of Al Farwaniya was quoted as saying that the housing issue is being addressed on a priority basis by concerned officials in the state.

Speaking to a local daily, the governor said that no efforts are being spared to surmount this problem to facilitate appropriate residence for every citizen. Kuwait's achievements in this field have gained the appreciation of several countries, the official said.

Sheikh Ahmed described Farwaniya Governorate as being at the country's forefront and said that there were no specific problems experienced by the residents. Problems could be deemed of a general nature which can be solved in a spirit of co-operation between officials and citizens. He clarified that the

governorate is in need of some main services which the council of the governorate had debated with the ministers responsible for public services.

Such services include expanding of Farwaniya Hospital, the allocation of a building to establish a dental clinic, setting up of a health centre at Firdous area, appointment of a paediatrician and general practitioner at Omariya Clinic, transferring Al Reqi Health Centre into a specialised clinic and setting up of a health centre at Jleeh Al Shuyookh area.

It is also in need of a labour office and youth centres at Sabah Al Naser, Firdous, Yarmouk, Andalus, Surra and Qurtuba areas.

He attributed vandalism, and juvenile deviation to the absence

of co-operation between parents and authorities concerned in addition to the absence of national awareness. He called for adopting firm measures to address these two evils and for enhancing co-operation between parents and authorities.

The governor disclosed that in co-operation with the Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources he has formulated an urgent scheme for afforestation and landscaping the governorate to keep abreast with the Amiri desire. The governorate has prepared a competition for the "best house garden" in addition to another competition to select the best garden in the schools of the governorate. The governorate is also endeavouring to spread agricultural awareness among citizens, the official said.

Summer centres open extra coaching classes

A LOCAL daily toured various summer educational centres opened by the Kuwait Teachers Society in different locations in the country to enable students with weaknesses in certain subjects to join intensive programmes aimed at improving their levels.

The board member of the society and rapporteur of the Studies Committee Bader Bo Rahmah said that the centres were originally three in 69/70 located in Dasmah, Jahra and Ahmadi and that the number grew to 12 centres in all educational areas.

The purpose of establishing these centres is to protect students from commercial exploiters of the educational profession and to provide protection to the teacher as well as the right environment for learning, the official said. He added that orphans and students get special treatment, stressing that the children of society members will get 50 per cent off the subscription fee.

Abdul Rahman Al Awadi, principal of the Dasmah Centre, said that the number of students at the centre is about 700 girls in the morning session. He disclosed that the local police station has positively co-operated to make sure that the students will not be harassed by idle boys

hanging about in the area.

He called on parents to let their children benefit from these summer centres instead of travelling for pleasure outside the country.

Board member Yaqoub Al Asfour said that the society also opened the indoor swimming pool for teachers and their children which cost the society nearly K.D. 100,000. This step is a contribution by the society to provide students another recreational facility to spend their leisure time.

He said that the pool will be open all year round, and that it is provided with 28 cooling and heating units. Subscription is only confined to teachers and their children at K.D. 1 for the teacher and K.D. 5 for the child.

The pool will be open from 8 to 12 in the morning and 4 to 9 in the evening, except on Thursdays and Fridays.

Another society member Bader Al Refai said that the society organised a number of summer courses which included computers, sciences, sports and contests in different fields of science and knowledge to maximise students benefit.

Aussie sheep

Kuwait detains consignment

KUWAIT'S Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources, recently detained a consignment of Australian sheep as part of the consignment suffered from mouth scabies, a local daily reported.

According to sources, a consignment of 100,000 head of sheep had arrived abroad a ship affiliated to a leading livestock company. From this, 55,000 sheep had been unloaded in Kuwait and the remainder in Bahrain.

Bahrain rejected the consignment as it claimed that 80 per cent suffered from mouth scabies. This consignment was brought to Kuwait and sources said that five heads suffered from the said disease. Necessary tests are being conducted, and will be conducted on all sheep of this consignment prior to permission for slaughter. Additionally, authorities in Kuwait are in close contact with all the region's importers of Australian sheep to determine if they have found any specific disease among these Australian sheep.

However, authorities have clarified that there is no cause for alarm from this disease in relation to human beings and its effect on animals is not significant.

Meanwhile, the daily reported that the authorities concerned at the United Arab Emirates (UAE) had recently banned the ship "Al Shuwaiikh" which transported these sheep from entering its port as a preventive measure aimed at preserving public health and livestock. This move was based on data received from Bahrain.

It added that Saudi Arabia which constitutes the major importer of Australian sheep had rejected last September about 600,000 heads of Australian sheep as they were suffering from some disease.

Bangladesh envoy

K.M. Shebabuddin, Ambassador of Bangladesh to the State of Kuwait yesterday called on Ambassador Abdul Aziz Essa Al Khodr, Head of Asia and Africa Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and reviewed international, regional and bilateral relations of mutual interest.



Undersecretary

Hamad Youssef Al Rouni, former assistant undersecretary for culture and journalism, at the information ministry has been appointed undersecretary of the ministry following the retirement of Abdul Aziz Jaalari by the council of ministers.

Ahmad receives

KUWAIT, July 16, (Kuna): Director General of the Civil Aviation Department Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Abdullah Al Ahmad received at his office today Iraqi Ambassador to Kuwait Asem Yacoub Jaafari.

Discussions tackled bilateral relations and means of promoting air traffic between the two countries.



Farewell reception

Foreign Undersecretary Suleiman Majid Al Shahin has hosted a farewell party to Brazilian Ambassador to Kuwait Sergio Seabra De Noronha on the occasion of end of his tenure here. The reception, held at the ministry's reception hall, was attended by head of accredited diplomatic missions to Kuwait, directors of departments and a number of senior ministry officials.

Fouzan tours state hospitals

KUWAIT'S Minister of Public Health, Dr Abdulwahhab Al Fouzan inspected the Al Sabah, Mubarak Al Kabeer, Infectious Diseases and Chest Diseases hospitals, a local daily reported.

The daily quoted the minister as saying that he was satisfied with the level of services at these hospitals. His tour at Al Sabah Hospital, he said covered most departments, including surgery, general diseases and pediatrics in addition to the hospital's pharmacy.

At Mubarak Al Kabeer Hospital, he said he met with officials and the physicians to ascertain the level of services. He added that during his visit he urged nurses to be vigilant in the interest of patients.

He commented that he had also touched upon the issue of a shortage in nurses and in this respect he would pay another visit to this hospital to verify the quantum and quality of nurses and will also address other problems that the hospital might experience.

He praised the level of services offered by the Infectious Diseases and Chest Diseases Hospitals. Renovations to the hospitals are presently under study according to a specified plan, he added.

Another local daily reported that during the course of his visits to these hospitals, the minister had called on both outpatients and those hospitalised.

Merger of PPA and DGCA suggested

KUWAIT'S Minister of Communications, Habib Jawhar Hayat, recently sent a letter to the cabinet suggesting the merger of the functions of the Directorate General for Civil Aviation (DGCA) and the Public Ports Authority (PPA) to fall under the umbrella of the Ministry of Communications, a local daily reported.

This proposal had been submitted in the wake of cancelling the Ministry of State for Services to which these authorities were affiliated and to enable the Ministry of Communications to represent these two authorities at the cabinet.

Meanwhile the daily learnt that director of Accounts Department at the Ministry of Communications, Mishari Al Fares, director of Overland Transport, Mubarak Al Khaldi and director of International Telecommunications, Adel Al Ibrahim were nominated for promotion to the grade of assistant undersecretary in their respective posts.

Bad debts scheme seeing success: report

ACCORDING to a monetary release issued by the Central Bank, the first three months in the present year witnessed the implementation of a number of recommendations adopted in the Joint Economic Committee report endorsed by the Council of Ministers on December 5, 1989. These relate to the activation of the economic level in the country and upgrading the performance of the difficult loan settlement programme.

The release said that the implementation of the recommendations concerning the

upgrading of the performance of the difficult credit settlement programme were announced in April, particularly those of settling loans up to K.D. 250,000.

The release added that this included the opening of the immediate settlement programme and fixing a date for the possibility of using this services.

The release said that the bank issued treasury bills in the amount of K.D. 395 million on eight occasions. Four of these issues matured in the amount of K.D. 370 million.

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

NOTHING can be honourable where justice is absent
— Cicero, Roman statesman-philosopher (106-43 BC).German unity
rattles Britain
Govt unmasked

LONDON, (AP): Nicholas Ridley is the fourth cabinet minister to leave the government in a dispute over Britain's commitment to Europe, an issue that is expected to dominate British politics through the 1990s.

The island nation that defeated Germany in two world wars is now bereft of an empire and wrestling with the prospect of a reunited Germany dominating Europe.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's opposition to European political and economic union, especially now that Germany is reuniting, is well-known.



Ridley caused a storm

Thus when Ridley, her ideological soulmate and closest cabinet colleague, launched a diatribe against the Germans and the European Community bureaucracy, it provoked new questions about Thatcher's real feelings on Europe.

In an interview in last week's Spectator magazine, Ridley accused Germany of seeking to dominate a federal Europe, called France "a poodle" of West Germany, and said that surrendering British sovereignty to unelected EEC politicians was tantamount to giving it to Hitler.

Facing a chorus of disapproval from the opposition as well as his own Conservative Party, Ridley resigned as trade secretary Saturday.

On Sunday it emerged that Thatcher called a meeting of leading academics last March to discuss Germany's future and its character. The talk touched, among other things, on German stereotypes like bullying, egotism and sentimentality.

It was a further embarrassment to a government already on the defensive over Ridley's remarks.

Polls in several Sunday papers found most Britons disagreeing with Ridley — 53 per cent in the Sunday Telegraph poll, 52 per cent in the Sunday Correspondent and 48 per cent in the Sunday Times.

The Independent on Sunday published the leaked text of a summary of the academics' meeting, written by Charles Powell, Thatcher's private secretary. The news guaranteed the issue of Europe a place on top of the national agenda.

The summary said that "even the optimists had some unease, not for the present and the immediate future, but for what might lie further down the road than we can yet see."

Gerald Kaufman of the opposition Labour Party attacked "the uncouthness and insensitivity" of senior government members sitting around "pulling the Germans to pieces."

Labour's George Robertson said: "It will deepen the hole that the government is in, because it makes it look as though Ridley's outburst was the tip of the iceberg."

Paddy Ashdown, leader of the centrist Liberal Democrats, said: "Mrs Thatcher is now irreparably damaged in her ability to represent Britain in Europe and to play a full and constructive part in the creation of a new Europe."

Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd, who confirmed the accuracy of the summary, defended the meeting in a BBC-TV interview as a natural response to the questions by the upheaval in Eastern Europe.

Arguments about Britain's commitment to the European Community have bedeviled Thatcher's cabinet in recent years.

Michael Heseltine quit as defence secretary in 1986 after losing a battle over the sale of an ailing British helicopter manufacturer. Heseltine favoured selling it to a European consortium. Thatcher preferred a US buyer.

Heseltine's resignation forced home secretary Leon Brittan to quit. Heseltine is now a leading unofficial contender for Thatcher's job, while Brittan is a senior official at EC headquarters in Brussels.

The long-running argument about Britain's entry into the exchange rate mechanism, which acts to stabilise EC currencies, was in the background of more upheaval last year, when Geoffrey Howe, then foreign secretary and a supporter of the system, was demoted.

Months later Nigel Lawson resigned as Treasury chief in a dispute linked to the ERM.

Britain's entry into the ERM now looks inevitable, but meanwhile a whole new issue has loomed — economic and monetary union, whereby the 12 EC nations are to unite under a single currency and central bank.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1581 — Edmund Campion, English Jesuit, is seized on charges of treason against English Crown.

1596 — Sir Francis Walsingham succeeds, in unravelling Babington plot to murder England's Queen Elizabeth I, and establishes that Mary Queen of Scots was implicated in the plan.

1603 — Sir Walter Raleigh is arrested for suspected complicity in plot to dethrone England's King James I.

1762 — Peter III, Tsar of Russia, is assassinated and is succeeded by Catherine II.

1791 — Massacre of Champ de Mars by Marquis de Lafayette restores order in Paris.

1880 — New penal code, based on that of France, is approved in Japan.

1890 — Cecil Rhodes becomes premier of Cape colony in Africa.

1894 — Italian forces take Kassala, Sudan, from the Dervishes.

1936 — Spain's civil war starts as Gen. Francisco Franco leads army forces in revolt against Spain's government.

1961 — New constitution goes into effect in British Guiana.

1965 — US B52 bombers from Guam make their first strikes in Vietnam in support of allied ground operations.

1968 — Right wing group of army officers overthrows Iraq government.

1973 — Afghanistan is proclaimed republic following palace coup which ends 40-year rule of King Mohammed Zahir Shah.

1975 — US astronauts and Soviet cosmonauts in Apollo and Soyuz spacecraft link up while in orbit and join hands.

1987 — France breaks diplomatic relations with Iran.

1988 — Police impose "shoot-on-sight" curfew in Hyderabad, Pakistan, after gunmen attack the mayor.

1989 — China denounces Paris summit partners for what it calls gross interference.

'Only the rule of law can end upheavals'

American legal authorities caution the Soviet Union

By Richard Thornburgh

WHETHER or not the 28th Communist Party Congress in Moscow was, as some predict and more hope, a true precursor to the "withering away of the party," the extraordinary debate which took place in that forum parallels "law-based state," a Soviet Union founded on the rule of law.

Heritage analyst Leon Aron has identified the creation of "a government vested with authority and having enough legitimacy to administer the very bitter pill of radical economic reform... as the central and most urgent issue of Soviet politics today."

It is my view, in the context of recent exchanges between the Department of Justice and our Soviet counterparts, that the rule of law is the only basis upon which such a government can eventuate from the upheaval presently under way in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

Our October 1989 trip to the Soviet Union — the very first by a sitting United States attorney-general — occurred at the very beginning of the Supreme Soviet's efforts at institutional reform — and enabled us to open an historic, and continuing, dialogue on the rule of law and human rights.

It was a remarkable experience. At the invitation of Soviet Minister of Justice, Veniamin F. Yakovlev, we met for a week with Soviet leaders in the fields of law enforcement and the administration of justice — ministers, jurists, law students, even the chief of the KGB, Vladimir Kryuchkov. Our agenda was a full one, devoted to topics central to what makes our democracy work: our Bill of Rights, our federal system, the principle of separation of powers, with its checks and balances, our two-party political process — all from that curriculum of liberties we teach (but don't always learn) in our basic high school civics courses.

And I have to credit our Soviet hosts, even at that early juncture, with a bold exercise. Our political discussions were open and free-ranging, covering everything from our mutual interest in stopping international terrorism to their obligation — as we see it, and they increasingly recognise it — to allow freer emigration of Soviet Jews. But our talks still took place within an historical legal context that must be understood, if their present difficulties are to be fully recognised, or ever surmounted.

Soviet justice To summarise abruptly a great deal of history, Soviet justice derives from three legal traditions: customary law among the peasantry, the imperial law of the Czars, and, much later, the Romanist law of civil codes. Customary and imperial law have been by far the overwhelming impact, creating a government of men above the law, from the Mongols to the boyars to the Czars and beyond. Various formal codifications of imperial law did appear. But the operative legal power was still vested in what we commonly know as the ukase: "A proclamation of a Russian Czar," as Webster's says, "having the force of law."

This violently changed — yet did not really change — when the Bolsheviks came to power. Initially Lenin abolished imperial law, along with private property, and set up the people's courts. Judges were instructed to follow the decrees of the revolution — or their "socialist conscience."

Later, Lenin and his successors moved to keep authoritarianism over the courts by what became known as "telephone justice." Party officials frequently rang up judges, who ruled in particular cases according to what the party told them to do. The ukase had been reduced, by 20th century technology, to a phone call. The legalistic way was prepared for Stalin's Moscow show trials during the Great Terror and, thereafter, the habitual subordination of the law to party interests.

Against this unpromising background, so-called "new thinkers" in the Soviet Union have now embarked upon what appears to be a truly idealistic and laudable attempt to establish the rule of law — or in Gorbachev's words, a "law-based state." Could it actually happen? So often you hear it optimistically said: remember that Mikhail Gorbachev was trained as a lawyer. Yes, but so was Lenin.

The chances are certainly there — as we saw during that week, and continue to see as we visit with Soviet officials and lawyers, both here and in the Soviet Union. Indeed, we are presently preparing for a return visit by Minister Yakovlev next month to extend our dialogue on democracy. But chances of success in this endeavour must always be measured against the



Thornburgh

The author is attorney-general of the United States. Nine months ago he was a member of a group of American legal experts who were invited to the Soviet Union to explain the US legal system and answer Soviet questions on it. This article, based on a recent speech at the Heritage Foundation in Washington, recalls that dialogue on the rule of law.



Demonstrators flash the V-sign as thousands of Muscovites gather in front of the Kremlin walls yesterday during an anti-communist rally called by radicals and reformists. (Reuter wirephoto)

Democracy hurts East Europe
Africans demand reforms

VIENNA, Austria, (AP): Millions of East Europeans expected the tide of democracy that swept the communists from power last year to solve all their problems. It hasn't, and discontent is spreading.

Janos Lampert, a 32-year-old electrician in Budapest, Hungary, was an avid supporter of the democracy movement.

Three months after democratic elections gave Hungary its first non-communist government in four decades, he still moonlights to support his wife and two children.

Of the televised Parliament sessions, he said: "Disgusting... those guys yacking all day while the economy is in shambles."

Problems in Budapest may differ from those in Bucharest, East Berlin, Prague, Sofia or Warsaw, but disappointment is widespread.

Some East Europeans question whether the battle for democracy has really been won. Others are depressed by the long road to prosperity that lies ahead.

Hungarians have been subjected to price increases, new taxes and business bankruptcies that produced unemployment. The mood is sullen. Many believe the new government of political neophytes is unequal to the task of improving conditions with a minimum of pain.

For Hungarians thinking of starting a business, government permission takes up to three months.

Inflation exceeded 30 per cent in the first quarter of this year, industrial production dropped more than 8 per cent and an estimated 50,000 people were unemployed, compared to 3,200 a year ago. The foreign debt of \$20.6 billion is the highest per capita in Eastern Europe.

Decades of communist mismanagement in Romania left many industries and services barely functioning, but there is enough to eat for the first time in a decade.

In a country unused to even a trace of freedom, the meeting of basic needs appears to be reason for economic contentment. The

long fatigues of history — the institutional neglect and political disrespect for what we know as the rule of law.

What is really missing is what might be called a "legal culture." Time and again, for example, we found an almost naive belief that all that was needed was to pass the correct statutes, to get the right laws on the books to create a "rule of law." We did our best to try to disabuse them of this legalistic and somewhat simplistic notion. Laws on the books, we explained, must be conscientiously obeyed and impartially enforced within a structure, and through a process, recognised and acknowledged by all... citizen and bureaucrat alike.

Judiciary

The rule of law works in a democracy, we pointed out.

NAIROBI, Kenya, (AP): The winds of democracy, blowing from Eastern Europe have reached Kenya, setting off bloody street battles in what has been considered the most stable nation of black Africa.

Several political explosions have rocked Africa south of the Sahara this year. Mass demands for reform have shaken other one-party governments in Ivory Coast, Gabon, Zambia, Cameroon, Zaire and Benin.

Analysts say the protests reflect awareness that one-party rule was swept aside in Eastern Europe last year and the weariness of Africans with leadership that often is authoritarian and corrupt.

In Kenya, at least 28 people were killed in riots that began at a banned rally for multiparty politics July 7. The demonstrators stoned a plainclothes policeman and police responded with tear gas and gunfire, starting four days of street battles that spread to other parts of the country.

Multiparty Multiparty democracy "is an international catchword which has been adopted by all those who have a grievance against the government," said a Western diplomat based in Nairobi.

They may not know what it means, but they know that they are unhappy and that what they've got hasn't worked," said the diplomat, who spoke on condition he not be identified further.

Rising food prices, skyrocketing debt, swelling populations and steady economic decline have added fuel to the political fires.

In Zambia, a failed coup on July 1 followed five days of the worst urban violence in the nation's history. At least 23 people were killed in student riots over food price increases.

The students also demanded Western-style democracy and the ouster of President Kenneth Kaunda, who leads the United National Independence Party, since 1972 the only legal political movement in the Southern African

political situation is less promising.

Multiparty elections held May 20 were generally fair, but were preceded by campaign violence unequalled in the region.

Many Romanians still fear and distrust the victorious National Salvation Front, whose leaders they consider communist.

The government's inauguration last month was preceded by violent attacks on

government institutions and mob rule by miners answering a government appeal for help.

After such a bloody riot, it is very easy to bring people back onto the streets.

Adrian Severin, who is charged with introducing a market economy, said afterward, "The hate in the people's soul was not at all consumed."

Political turmoil also contributes to a sense of insecurity in Bulgaria, the only

East European country where the ruling communists won democratic elections.

Threats of escalating strikes forced the resignation July 7 of president Petar Mladenov, a reform communist, and protests continue by activists seeking a full reckoning with the past.

Concern that a government hamstrung by protest would not be able to deal with pressing economic problems added to the pessimism in Bulgaria.



Anti-government demonstration in Kenya. (Reuter wirephoto)

country.

Protests of austerity measures and corruption in Ivory Coast in March grew into violent anti-government demonstrations demanding an end to the 30-year reign of President Felix Houphouet-Boigny.

He was forced to legalize political organisations other than his own Democratic Party.

President Omar Bongo of Gabon installed a multiparty system in May after a coup attempt late last year and student protests in January and February. France sent troops to protect oil workers when more riots broke out in May.

Benin dropped a Marxist-Leninist style of government late last year, and adopted political pluralism.

Paul Biya, Cameroon's president, came to power in 1983 promising more democracy, but his government has cracked down on advocates of pluralism since February.

Six people were killed at a pro-democracy rally and authorities arrested 10 prominent citizens who tried to form an alternative party to his Democratic Rally of the Cameroonian People.

Kenya's President, Daniel Arap Moi, appears to be following the Cameroonian model.

His government has arrested and charged more than 1,400 people in connection with the riots and threatens continued use of force against pro-democracy demonstrators. Seventeen people have been detained without charge, including the most prominent advocates of multiparty politics.

Moi, who has governed Kenya since 1978, contends political pluralism would result in tribal-based parties, ethnic divisions and even warfare among Kenya's approximately 40 tribes.

A constitutional amendment in 1982 declared the Kenyan African National Union the only legal political organization, formalizing a situation that had existed since the last opposition party was banned in 1969.

This year, a loose alliance of politicians, lawyers and church leaders began demanding reform on grounds the one-party system had led to corruption, election rigging and increasingly authoritarian rule.

Signs of economic distress accompany the pressure for reform.

Kenya has experienced steady growth since independence in 1963, but recent gains have been connected to foreign aid, now almost one-third of the budget, and tourism, sure to be slowed by the turmoil.

It has had to suspend payments of all but interest on the \$10-billion debt. An estimated 60 per cent of industry is unprofitable and unemployment is growing.

Nowhere does the connection between economic and political problems seem so clear as in Poland, where the Solidarity-led government of Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki won partially free elections more than a year ago.

of communist construction.

That, of course, admits the ubiquitous spectre of party tyranny. Attempts are being made to toss this offensive language off the train by the new thinkers. But it's not litter down the tracks of history yet. And still to come is the real test as to whether the Soviet courts themselves can and will act to protect the people's rights.

True reform must reach down into the legal culture itself, and create an inherent respect not only for individual rights, but for legal procedure and due process.

In 1979, when I visited the Soviet Union as a state governor, I found each official session invariably opened with an almost obligatory denunciation of the United States and our system of government.

We called attention to their own guarantees of civil rights under the Soviet constitution. There they are, all fully documented, like our own Bill of Rights. Only there is also the carefully worded escape clause: "Civil rights shall be protected by law" — just as our rule of law would hold, but with this kicker — "except as they are exercised in contradiction to their purpose in socialist society in the period

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Kuwait hopes quota increase in October

Ameeri denies pledge on oil output cut

KUWAIT, July 16, (AP): Kuwait's oil minister was quoted today as saying Kuwait's demand for a higher oil production quota will be considered by Opec in October if prices have recovered by then.

In an interview in a local daily Rashid Salim Al Ameeri said this was agreed last week by the oil ministers of the five Arab Opec members during their meeting in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

Overproduction above Opec-set quotas in recent months have contributed to a world oil glut and a drop to \$14 per barrel from the \$18

per barrel "benchmark price" set by the oil cartel.

Prospects for an improvement in oil prices brightened considerably after the Jeddah meeting during which Kuwait and the UAE agreed to respect the quota system.

This happened after the UAE's quota of 1,095 barrels per day was raised to 1.5 million barrels a day, the same as Kuwait's.

The other three Arab members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries at Jeddah were Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Qatar.

Bush boosts budget deficit

Forcing spending cuts

WASHINGTON, July 16, (AP): President George Bush's administration today dramatically boosted its official estimate of the fiscal 1991 budget deficit to \$168.8 billion, two-thirds higher than its forecast just six months ago.

The increase could force automatic spending cuts of over \$100 billion if Congress and the administration don't agree on a package of spending reductions and tax increases.

Today's estimate did not even include the costs of bailing out the savings and loan industry. When those costs are included, the deficit for the fiscal year that begins Oct 1 climbs to \$231.4 billion, the White House said in its official mid-session review of the budget.

The administration's new forecast is far higher than the \$100.5 billion deficit estimate included in the president's budget when it was unveiled last January.

It is also significantly higher than the \$64-billion deficit target set by the Gramm-Rudman balanced budget law.

If Congress is unable to reduce the deficit to within \$10 billion of the \$64 billion, it triggers across-the-board spending cuts.

Along with its new deficit estimate, the administration included dire warnings of what could happen if the current budget negotiations between Congress and the administration fail and the across-the-board cuts are triggered.

White House budget director Richard Darman called across-the-board cuts of more than \$100 billion unprecedented in their magnitude and "highly disruptive" to a host of government programmes.

Darman said such a reduction would require a 38.4 per cent in non-defence spending and cuts of between 25.1 per cent and 43.3 per cent in military programmes. Social security and some other entitlement programmes are exempt from Gramm-Rudman cuts, forcing even sharper reductions in other programmes.

Darman said that the Gramm-Rudman cuts would force major cutbacks in air traffic control operations, increasing delays for air passengers by 400 per cent to 600 per cent. The cuts would also require a 40 per cent cut in the head start programme affecting 200,000 4-year-olds and sharply curtailing other government programmes ranging from poultry and meat inspections to cleanup of superfund toxic waste sites.

"If the summit negotiation fails these effects are exactly what we will face in the fall," Darman told a crowded news conference.

The administration's new estimates make it highly likely that the Gramm-Rudman law will have to be at least modified, giving the size of the savings needs to reach a \$64-billion target. Both the administration and Congress have been discussing spending cuts and tax increases in a range of between \$50 billion and 60 billion, about half of what would be needed with the new estimates.

By emphasising a deficit figure that did not include the savings



Greenspan

and loan bailout, the administration seemed to be laying the groundwork for removing this giant expenditure from the Gramm-Rudman calculations, something that many members of Congress have also proposed.

The administration blamed the sharp deterioration in the deficit from January until now on the higher-than-expected savings and loans bailout, which cuts into government revenues, and higher interest rates, which raise the cost to the government of paying for the \$3 trillion national debt.

The administration actually included three deficit estimates in its mid-term review. In addition to the \$231.4 billion with the savings and loans bailout included and the \$168.8 billion excluding savings and loans, the administration cited an even lower \$148.4-billion deficit which excluded food stamp costs because the programme technically expires this year.

The mid-session budget review lowered projected economic growth from 2.6 per cent down to 2.2 per cent, more in line with what private forecasters are predicting.

It projected a 4.8 per cent rise in consumer prices this year, matching last year's inflation increase, but up from the administration's estimate of a lower inflation figure of 4.4 per cent.

It raised the government's cost of borrowing short-term by a full percentage point to 7.7 per cent.

The January budget had assumed that interest rates would start to decline steadily this year. Instead, rates rose through early spring, "the report noted." The mid-session review assumes interest rates will remain around current levels during the second half of this year and then move progressively lower during the following five years as inflation and the federal deficit are reduced.

Both Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady and Michael Boskin, chairman of the president's Council of Economic Advisers, said that the administration's interest rate forecast depended on the Federal Reserve easing up on its tight-credit stance.

Iran sees signs of success in Geneva

ALGIERS, July 16, (Opecna): Iranian Petroleum Minister Gholamreza Aghazadeh said yesterday that the signs for a successful outcome of next week's Opec ministerial conference in Geneva were good.

The minister was speaking to reporters on his arrival here for oil market talks with Algerian Minister Sadok Boussena, who is the alternate president of the Opec conference.

Sources here said that the two ministers' discussions were in line with preparations for the ministerial meeting, scheduled to open on July 25.

Concerning the level of oil prices, Aghazadeh said he now believed there was the possibility to increase prices by more than \$2 a barrel over the next six months.

The minister's trip to Algeria came after a two-day visit to the United Arab Emirates where he met the country's President, Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan along with Petroleum and Mineral Resources Minister Dr. Mana Saad Otaiba.

Quoted in Tehran before his departure for Algeria, Aghazadeh said that the series of recent meetings and consultations among ministers and high-ranking officials of Opec member countries showed that the organisation was "determined to strengthen the market."

He predicted that the 13 member countries would have no problems in terms of production quotas at the ministerial talks and ministers appeared unanimous on the need to boost prices.

The minister disclosed that Iran's official proposal for setting Opec's reference price at "at least \$20," a \$2 a barrel increase from the present level, had already been put on the conference agenda.

"The production ceiling should be subordinate to prices," he declared. "If prices do not rise to \$18 immediately, then the Opec ceiling of 22 million bpd should be lowered."

Aghazadeh paid tribute to the level of commitment shown by the various Opec heads of state and sovereigns in helping to iron out problems with individual output quotas, saying that this was "an important factor for securing a promising future for the oil market."

He added that a summit meeting of Opec leaders, which had been proposed by Venezuela, one of the organisation's founding members, was not on the conference agenda for discussion next week.

The consensus prevailing among oil traders is that oil prices will correct their downward course of late to reach about \$20 a barrel within the next one or two weeks following a series of pre-conference moves by almost all Opec member countries, it is reported in Vienna today.

The oil product market received another strong boost on Friday following the announcement by the United Arab Emirates that it was reducing production immediately by 400,000 bpd.

On the New York Mercantile Exchange (Nymex), unleaded gasoline for August delivery soared by 1.38 cents to 61.95 cents a gallon, a rise of 6.54 cents on the week, while heating oil ended the day 1.17 cents higher at \$4.21 cents, up 4.76 cents on the week.



Trading signals

Stock brokers, wearing various facial expressions, wave hand signals with their trading indications as they crowd around a counter on the Tokyo Stock Exchange floor yesterday. Stocks rose 377.36 points to 33,021.73, the first close above the 33,000-point level in over five weeks. (Reuters wirephoto)

WB spells out steps

Poverty remains formidable, Conable



Conable

VIENNA, July 16, (Opecna): World Bank President Barber Conable claims that the hurdles to be overcome in decreasing poverty throughout the world remain formidable.

In a foreword to the bank's world development report for 1990, which appeared in the Arab Times yesterday, he says the problems of the poor in sub-Saharan Africa "are especially daunting."

He points out that the key measures for combating poverty are known and the resources to support such an effort are there to be mobilised.

He maintains that controlling the number of poor in sub-Saharan Africa until population growth can be brought under control and reducing the number elsewhere by 400 million are feasible goals for the century's end.

"The main obstacle is not the availability of resources, but the willingness of governments in both developed and developing countries to commit themselves to these goals," he affirms.

Conable stresses that for the large numbers of poor living in some countries of Latin America and most sub-Saharan African states, the 1980s was "a lost decade."

In 1935, he says, almost one-third of the total population of the developing world, was living on less than \$370 per capita annually.

In that same year, life expectancy in the developed world was 76 years, compared with 50 years for sub-Saharan Africa and 56 years for South Asia.

He points out that some countries were close to achieving universal enrolment in primary education five years ago, but in sub-Saharan Africa the net figure was 56 per cent and 75 per cent in South Asia.

The World Bank head notes that women often constitute a deprived group, even among the poor. In most areas literacy rates and wages are much lower for women than for men, and access to social services and employment is more difficult.

"The plight of poor women is troubling in itself. It is even more troubling because the health and education of mothers greatly influence the well-being and future of their children," he says.

Conable affirms that although domestic policy is critical to the reduction of poverty, international assistance is needed to support countries' efforts.

"Simply increasing resources, however, will not solve the problem. Aid is most effective when it complements the recipients' efforts," he states.

Jordan bank hits transfer problem

AMMAN, July 16 (Reuters): A transfer of deposits from Jordan's Petra Bank, once one of the country's main commercial banks and now in de facto liquidation, is likely to be delayed for several days, bankers said today.

They said the transfer of 130 million dinars (\$195 million) to the Housing Bank, ordered by the government on Wednesday and due to be completed before July 21, would take at least five extra days for technical reasons.

Local newspapers quoted central bank Governor Mohammed Said Al-Nabulsi as saying arrangements had been made to meet urgent needs of Petra account holders before the transfer is complete. They will then operate their accounts through the Housing Bank.

In August 1989 the government sacked Petra's Iraqi chairman and principal shareholder Ahmed Chalabi, who fled the country. He has denied government allegations of fraud and embezzlement.

Bankers say the central bank then pumped in 250 million dinars (\$370 million) to keep Petra Bank afloat, but decided this month to close it. Petra said its 1989 operational losses were 12 million dinars (\$18 million).

The government this week named a committee to run the small Jordan Gulf Bank, which it earlier said would merge with Petra.

The central bank has guaranteed Petra account-holders' deposits and said it will take care of the interests of the bank's 700 employees. Some employees have threatened to go on hunger strike if the Housing Bank fails to give them jobs.

Firms 'in red' to be privatised

LONDON, July 16, (Reuters): Sudanese leader General Omar Hassan Al-Bashir said in remarks published today that Khartoum would privatise loss-making state-owned companies but would guarantee workers' jobs.

He said he was satisfied with his military government's progress in tackling Sudan's cash-strapped economy, crippled by civil war, drought, flood and famine.

Bashir swept to power in a bloodless coup a year ago.

"We have indeed decided to get rid of all loss-making public sector companies," he told the London-based Asharq Al-Awsat newspaper in an interview.

"But it is not true that we are state getting rid of facilities such as the railway and the port," he said. The country's main port is Port Sudan on the Red Sea.

"We will evaluate everything we have scientifically, and if something is losing money we will offer it to the private sector," he said.

"The companies would be sold according to a special policy in which the state retains its rights and its workers their rights so that they are not fired," he added.

Bashir, who seized power in a coup, said he was satisfied with the progress of a government programme to revive the economy.

"The programme confronts with total courage all the problems and offers solutions according to current conditions without looking for any foreign aid that might or might not come," he said.

Egyptian, Lankan trade talks

COLOMBO, July 16, (Kuna): Sri Lanka-Egypt joint committee on trade commenced two days of official talks today in Colombo at the island's ministry of trade and commerce, official sources said.

Egypt is the single largest buyers of Sri Lanka's tea. These talks under the joint committee are important both for Egypt and Sri Lanka, the sources said.

The exchange of commodities between the two countries was the main feature in the first day of the talks.

Currently Sri Lanka imports crude oil, ground rock phosphate and pharmaceutical products from Egypt and the Egyptian delegation showed special interest in selling more crude oil, transport equipment and pharmaceuticals while the Sri Lankan delegation expressed its willingness in selling coconut oil and rubber to Egypt.

The proposed maritime transport agreement between the two countries was also another subject discussed.

Another matter for discussion during the session was Sri Lanka's participation in the Cairo international trade fair.

Sheikh Salem to visit Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, July 16, (Kuna): The governor of Kuwait's Central Bank, Sheikh Salem Abdul Aziz Al-Sabah will arrive here tomorrow for a three-day official visit to Malaysia.

Sheikh Salem, who is now in Singapore for a short visit to the island republic, will hold discussions with the governor of Bank Negara (Malaysia's central bank) Jaafar Hussain during his stay here.

American expertise to be exported to Soviet Union on a limited basis

WASHINGTON, July 16, (AP): American expertise that developed fly-resistant wheat in Morocco, taught Tunisia about banking and brought down Bangladesh's fertility rate will now be exported on a limited basis to the Soviet Union, government officials say.

The Soviet Union, which has not received US foreign aid since the United States gave it a small sum of post-war relief in the 1940s, is the latest country to be added to the list of more than 80 nations that receive American help.

The administration of President George Bush,

while balking at providing the Soviet Union with cash grants or loans, agreed at the economic summit of industrial nations in Houston this past week to provide the technical assistance. The International Monetary Fund also will study the Soviet economy.

Under the US aid programme, experts — often times college professors or consultants from private industry — travel to developing and middle-income countries to help with problems ranging from farming to family planning to nutrition and health.

Since the aid programme was started in the wake of World War II, the United States has spent more

than \$212 billion helping about half the world's countries.

"A lot of people think they're going to pass atom bomb secrets, but it's really rather mundane things like how to dry wheat before you store it so it doesn't rot," Curtis Jackson of the Agency for International Development said in an interview last week.

The US programme includes both technical assistance — the limited type of help the Soviet Union will get — and also direct economic aid for housing agriculture and health projects. This year's budget is \$7 billion.

Honecker account frozen

EAST BERLIN, July 16 (Reuters): East Germany's deposed leader Erich Honecker cannot get hard-currency Deutschmarks like millions of his countrymen because the government has frozen his bank account, sources close to his family said today.

An Interior Ministry spokesman said authorities had also confiscated Honecker's personal identity papers, which East Germans needed to exchange accounts into Deutschmarks in the July 1 merger of the East and West German economies.

But the prosecutor's office denied the papers had been seized and a clarification was not immediately forthcoming.

KD short dates firmer

KUWAIT, July 16, (Reuters): Short dates were firmer after a busy morning on the Kuwaiti dinar interbank deposit market today, dealers said.

Overnight began the day offered at eight per cent, but later dealt at 8-7/16, 8-1/2 and 8-5/8, and the market was still short of overnight funds towards the end of trading, said one dealer.

Retail sales plunge 9.9pc

LONDON, July 16, (Reuters): British retail sales fell by 2.8 per cent in June, the biggest drop for more than a decade and the clearest indication to date that consumers are feeling the pinch of the government's high interest rate policy.

Figures released by the Central Statistical Office (CSO) today showed the provisional, seasonally adjusted sales figure for June was the largest fall since 1979, when the retail sales index dropped 9.9 per cent after Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government presented its first budget.

The June fall, which the CSO said appeared to affect all levels of business, compared with a rise of 1.4 per cent in May.

Financial markets had forecast a drop of 0.8 per cent. The pound sterling was unchanged and share prices rose on the news before steadying.

BUSINESS

Portugal's key firms to be home controlled

LISBON, July 16, (Reuters): Portugal may let foreigners have a bigger stake in its industrial privatisation programme, but is determined to keep "strategic" companies in Portuguese hands, a senior Finance Ministry official says.

Elias du Costa, secretary of state for finance, told Reuters in an interview Portuguese groups had yet to consolidate enough to be able to compete unopposed with investors from abroad.

The centre-right government has sold off a brewer, a newspaper and 49 per cent each of a major bank and two insurance companies since April, 1989, netting a total of 70 billion escudos (\$485 million at the current exchange rate). Limits of 10 or 20 per cent of total equity were set for non-residents in each case.

Du Costa said the government would continue to set such limits on a case-by-case basis.

"These limits will be in inverse proportion to the importance of the companies to be privatised. The foreigners will be able to have 20 per cent, 10 per cent, 30 per cent, 40 per cent," he said.

"We are more concerned about those companies which have not only a strategic importance, but also a strategic image," he added. He cited Banco Portugues do Atlantico EP (BPA) and Cimentos de Portugal EP (Cimpor) as examples.

"These are companies which are 'bred in the bones' and whose control is politically important to have secured by Portuguese," he said.

Despite the restrictions on foreigners, the government's privatisation policy has already come under fire from Pedro Ferraz da Costa, who heads Portugal's club of industrialists, the Confederaçao da Industria Portuguesa.

Da Costa said in a speech earlier this month that Portuguese were being outbid by better-placed foreigners, who were taking over important chunks of industry. Portuguese were losing control of their own destiny, he said.

He said foreign investment in the programme was essential, healthy and fundamental for the development of Portugal, which has recently pulled itself ahead of Greece, which now holds the title of the European Community's poorest member.

But he added: "If foreign investment comes to Portugal with a view to dominating the public companies to be privatised, they will not be much welcomed by the government. If they come in partnership with Portuguese companies, they will be welcomed."

The programme continues with a further 31 per cent stake in Banco Totta e Acores SA, to be completed by July 31, with foreigners restricted to 10 per cent of total capital.

Fifty-one per cent of the small shipping firm Transportes Maritimos Insulares SA (Transinsular) goes on sale on August 6 followed by insurers Companhia de Seguros SA Tranquilidade and brewers Central de Cervejas EP (Centralcer).

One-third of BPA, Portugal's biggest bank, will go on sale later this year. Privatisation of cement maker Cimpor is also due to begin this year, in principle. Du Costa said. Beyond that the timetable is still undecided.

Japan likely to resume China loan package

BEIJING, July 16, (AP): Japanese Deputy Foreign Minister Hisashi Owada arrived in Beijing today to brief Chinese leaders on the recent economic summit.

At the Houston summit last week, the seven industrialised powers agreed to continue sanctions imposed against China after the bloody army attack on pro-democracy protesters, but said expanding World Bank loans would be explored.

However, the summit leaders allowed Japan to resume lending to China, although they did not endorse such a move.

Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu said last week that withholding assistance and isolating China would not be conducive to regional peace.

But he also promised to tell Chinese leaders that leaders of the Group of Seven — the United States, France, Italy, Germany, Canada, Japan and

Britain — are urging more reforms for China.

Premier Li Peng last week called Japan's willingness to resume loans "a positive attitude" and expressed the Chinese government's appreciation.

During his two-day visit, Owada will meet with Foreign Minister Qian Qichen and the Deputy Foreign Minister in Charge of Asian Affairs, Qi Haiyuan, the Japanese embassy said. Owada, who met with Qian in the

spring during an annual meeting of foreign service personnel, is the highest-ranking Japanese official to visit since China crushed last year's democracy movement.

However, Japanese embassy spokesman Yuji Kumamaru said the visit does not mark the resumption of high-level contacts suspended after last year's army crackdown on student protesters in Tiananmen Square.

The officials said Owada will tell

Chinese officials Japan will gradually release the loans, starting with untied loans and those aimed at improving the public welfare.

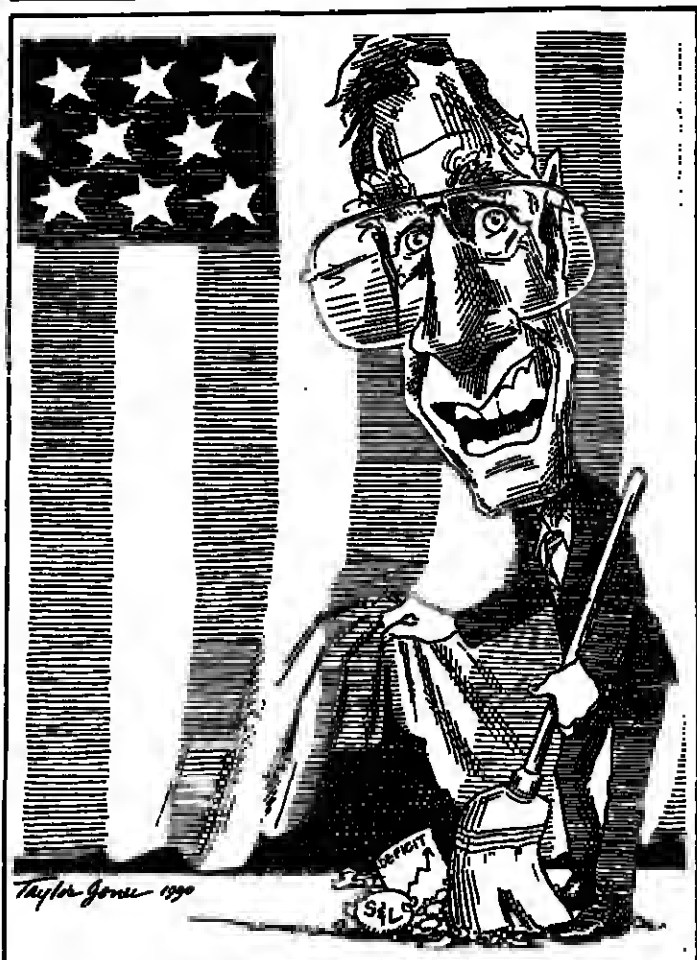
Japan agreed to provide 810 billion yen (\$5.4 billion) in package loans to China over a 1990-95 period to help finance various development projects. The pledge was made by former prime minister Noboru Takeshita in 1988 when he visited Beijing.

The officials said Owada will also

urge Chinese officials to step up efforts for democratisation of the country and pledge Japan's support for China's economic reform and open-door policies.

Owada is the highest ranking Japanese government official to visit China since the Tiananmen massacre.

The Japanese government plans to resume extending loans to China toward the end of this year or early next year, local news reports said.



GEORGE BUSH

Ecosoc sees negative effect

East Europe transition

GENEVA, July 16, (Kuna): The short-term impact of the transition process in Eastern Europe and the demands made on worldwide resources will be negative for the developing countries as a whole, C. Ghare Khan, president of the Economic and Social Council (Ecosoc) said today.

Briefing journalists on the highlights of a day-long informal discussion last week on the impact of the transition of centrally planned economies into a market one will have on developing countries, Ghare Khan said that while there was consensus among the panelists about the unhealthy short-term impact, the prospects were brighter concerning the medium to long-term.

However, he noted, there was no consensus on the pace and duration of the reform process. "It seems to me that this transition is likely to be rather long and protracted... certainly a period of ten years and probably more than that."

The president said the discussion had laid the groundwork for a high level two-day meet next year during the Ecosoc session on the same subject — entailing a more in-depth discussion.

Panelists also shared the view

that in the short to medium term, interest rates would rise as there would be a greater competition for global savings. And, this would add to the debt burden of the developing countries.

"Therefore, there is an imperative need to deal with the debt problem in a realistic and meaningful way," Ghare Khan observed.

Commenting on some of the concrete suggestions made, the Ecosoc president said a medium term projection of the needs of the developing countries should be made to assure them that the unfinished task of development has not been forgotten.

"Another suggestion was that the international community should develop a consensus on maintaining ODA (official development assistance) in real terms. Perhaps either the council or certainly the General Assembly at its next session should try to embody this suggestion in some decision or a resolution."

The president pointed out that yet another important suggestion, which could reassure developing countries, was that the industrialised countries should have separate budget heads for their assistance to Eastern and Central Europe.

EC plans insurance changes

Bids to abolish limits on premiums firms can charge

BRUSSELS, July 16, (Reuters): The European Commission is set to announce proposals on Wednesday to shake up the non-life sector of the EC's insurance industry and give insurers the means to operate on equal terms throughout the 12-nation bloc.

Barring last minute objections, the European Community's 17-member executive will give approval to the so-called Third Non-Life Directive, which is aimed at sweeping away a host of restrictions now imposed on insurance companies.

But the plan is likely to meet tough resistance from member countries as it makes its way through the EC's tortuous legislative process.

The proposed directive, which covers everything from health to property and

monies. The proposal, which must be approved by the member states, is expected to meet tough resistance from the more restrictive countries. But Britain and the Netherlands are likely to back the commission's free market position.

"We are looked upon by the more restrictive member states as taking a very, very liberal approach. There will be a difficult battle to get there," said one EC commission official.

Britain believes the European insurance industry — the second largest in the world after the United States with premium income of \$349 billion in 1988 — needs an overhaul to prepare for competition with banks and securities firms after 1992, when the EC becomes a single market.

"The European insurance industry has tended to lag behind other financial services in adapting," he said.

Britain intends to apply to insure the "single passport" already agreed for banking. It gives a company licensed to operate in one EC country the right to work throughout the 12-nation bloc with or without a branch.

This means, for example, that a consumer in Spain could buy a car insurance policy from a company located in London provided the insurer was approved by the British authorities.

The draft law also would end many national rules requiring insurance companies to invest their assets in certain ways. For example, Belgian insurers now must invest in government bonds.

The law would also give foreign insurers with a subsidiary in the EC the same right to a single passport.

The directive, to be followed later this year by a companion law on life insurance, is the third attempt by the commission to break open the non-life market.

Adidas costs Tapie \$287m

Consortium to finance

PARIS, July 16, (UPI): French financier Bernard Tapie said today he will pay 1.6 billion francs (\$287 million) to acquire 80 per cent of the West German sportswear company Adidas AG and said he will finance the operation through a capital increase and 1 billion francs (\$179 million) in medium-term loans.

A statement issued by Bernard Tapie Finance said the operation will be financed by a consortium of four French and four foreign banks led by Societe de Banque Occidentale, an affiliate of state-run Credit Lyonnais.

The statement said Societe de Banque Occidentale will immediately pay the 1.6 billion franc (\$287 million) "in order to insure the smooth and immediate conclusion of the operation."

Bernard Tapie Finance, in which Tapie has a 57 per cent share, will increase its capital by 600 million francs (\$107.9 million) and will take out 1 billion francs (\$179 million) in medium-term loans.

Financial analysts were surprised at the low cost of the acquisition, which many newspapers and economic experts had previously estimated at between 2 and 3 billion francs (\$359 and \$539 million).

"Adidas is not a company that is doing well today," Tapie said in an interview with Europe 1 radio. "Its current state is such that it could not have been sold for more."

The flamboyant financier, widely believed to have his eyes on the presidential Elysee Palace, added that the company, which

last year reported losses of about 100 Deutsche marks (\$60 million) on sales of 3.2 billion Deutsche marks (\$1.9 billion) to be restructured if it is to become profitable again.

But the statement by Bernard Tapie Finance said no major layoffs or changes in the company's affiliates or industrial organisation would be made in the immediate future.

The statement added that Adidas' poor 1989 results resulting from excessive debt means that the company must find between 800,000 francs and one billion francs (\$143 and 179 million) in new financing during the next 12 months.

Tapie expects the company will make a modest 70 million to 80 million francs (\$12.5 to 14.3 million) profit this year.

The statement also said Tapie would not sell any of his affiliates to finance the operation, at least for the moment. There had been serious speculation in recent days that the French businessman would be forced to sell Tetra, and Terrail-Hancon.

The consortium of banks headed by Societe de Banque Occidentale includes the French Banque Nationale de Paris, Credit Agricole and the Banque du Phenix, an affiliate of the nationalised insurer assurances Generales de France.

The two Japanese banks are the Bank of Tokyo and long term credit Bank of Japan. The two West German banks that make up the group, Bayerische Vereinsbank and Bayerische Hypothek and Wechsel, have been associated with Adidas for several years.

Business briefs

ACC central bankers to meet: The governors of the central banks at the Arab Co-operation Council member states will convene on Tuesday their first meeting to discuss a work program prepared by the ACC secretariat-general to establish a joint bank.

The bank aims at achieving trade and production integration among Egypt, Jordan, Iraq and Yemen, the ACC members, in a step to strengthen economic co-operation.

Record high sales: Japan's top two automakers, Toyota Motor Corp. and Nissan Motor Co., reported Monday their domestic vehicle sales in the first half of 1990 set record highs, fuelled by brisk consumer demand, but exports remained sluggish.

Toyota said domestic sales of cars and commercial vehicles hit a half-year record of 1,285,549 units, up 14.4 per cent over a year ago. Passenger cars accounted for 980,252 units, up 15.3 per cent, while commercial vehicle sales totalled 305,297 units, up 11.6 per cent.

Nissan said its sales also hit an all-time high of 732,453 units, up 11.8 per cent. They included 553,253 passenger cars, up 13.8 per cent, and 179,200 commercial vehicles, up 5.9 per cent.

Toyota's exports fell 6.4 per cent to 821,886 units while Nissan's exports plunged 17.0 per cent to 461,124 units. (UPI)

Import quotas increase: The European Economic Community pressed Japan to increase import quotas on cheese, leather and other processed goods at a one-day meeting held at the Foreign Ministry Monday, ministry officials said.

The officials said Japan demanded explanations of the dumping duties levied by EEC member nations on Japanese office equipment sold on the European market.

The session was held to discuss differences on trade issues and formal responses will be presented at a second round scheduled to be held this fall, they said.

The EEC delegation was led by Gianluigi Giola, deputy director-general for external relations for the EEC, and Simon Nuttall, director for relations with China, Japan and other countries in the Far East, a subgroup within the external relations directorate. (UPI)

Industrial output up: Japan's industrial output in May gained 4.3 per cent over a year ago, posting the sharpest year-on-year rise since October 1989, the Ministry of International Trade and Industry said in a revised report Monday.

The ministry's preliminary data released in late June put the year-to-year increase at 4.1 per cent. (UPI)

Nomura to open office in Rome

TOKYO, July 16, (UPI): Japan's leading brokerage house Nomura Securities Co. said today it will open a representative office in Rome, making it the first Japanese securities firm to Shiness in the city.

The new office will be the company's second office in Italy, following one in Milan, the company said.

The company said the new office will introduce the securities business in Italy to Japanese investors and increase Italian investment in Japanese portfolios.

Major Japanese brokerage house Daiwa Securities Co. said today it will launch a joint venture with Hungarian banks in Budapest later this year to conduct bond underwriting and other advisory operations.

The Tokyo-based company said the Hungarian partners will include the National Bank of Hungary and the Hungarian Foreign Trade Bank Ltd.

Japanese hotel in NY

Yaohan lures customers

EDGEWATER, New Jersey, July 16, (UPI): Already a successful Japanese grocer in the New York area, the Yaohan supermarket chain is aiming to lure more customers by building a luxury Japanese-style hotel in this Manhattan suburb.

To be completed in 1993, the hotel Yaohan's first will have 200 guest rooms covered with "tatami" straw mats. In a huge bathtub made of Canadian cedar, up to 100 guests will be able to gaze across the Hudson River at Manhattan's spectacular skyline.

The traditional Japanese bath is the main feature of the hotel, which the huge Japanese retail group plans to build to broaden its business scope.

"The hotel is a core project for Yaohan's bid to grow into a 'borderless company' and contribute to the development of the local community," Kazuo Wada, the 61-year-old chairman of Yaohan, said in an interview with United Press International.

The company believes the hotel will lure tourists as well as New York-area Japanese residents looking for a weekend getaway.

With the planned expansion, Yaohan will shift its emphasis from the sale of Japanese foods and products to "the creation of Japanese lifestyle in the local community," Wada said.

Born as a family-owned green grocer, Yaohan currently operates 22 shopping centres in seven countries outside of Japan, including six centres in the United States.

Wada's mother, Katsu and late father, Ryohei, opened a grocery store in a small resort town in 1930. Katsu Wada, whose life story was the basis of a popular Japanese television drama in the 1980s,

holds the title of Yaohan's "supreme advisor."

Yaohan International Group, the holding company of Yaohan Department Store Co. and its Japanese and overseas affiliates, projects annual sales of \$1.6 billion in the current business year — and sales of \$6.5 billion by 1997.

The Edgewater Store, teeming with such Japanese staples as sushi, soy beans, rice cakes and bean curd — currently brings in between \$40 million and \$50 million a year, a spokesman said. Sales are growing about 30 per cent to 35 per cent a year.

The New York-area store accounts for 40 per cent of the revenue generated by Yaohan's six stores in the United States, the spokesman said.

It opened in September 1988 as Yaohan's first outlet in the East, catering to Japanese and other Asian people living in and around New York. But the store also has aroused US interest in Japan and its culture.

An increasing number of US families shop on weekends at the New York store. Several groups of local elementary schoolchildren, guided by teachers, visited the Yaohan Plaza and tried Japanese meals at the store's prepared-food counter, Wada said.

"Initially, we expected Americans would account for 30 per cent of our customers, but actually, more than one-third are Americans," he said. "We are very much encouraged by the good response from American customers."

Wada views the Edgewater operation as a milestone in Yaohan's overseas activities, which had mainly been centred in Southeast Asia.

Australia tourism to triple

HAYMAN ISLAND, Australia, July 16, (AP): The number of foreigners visiting Australia is expected to triple in the next 10 years, tourism officials said today. But they warned that growing criticism of foreign investment could hurt the country.

"We believe the foreign ownership debate should be kept in perspective, particularly where it concerns Japan," Australian tourism commission managing director Tony Thirwell told a media travel seminar.

"If Japanese investors become disenchanted — and there's a very real danger of that at the moment — much of our product development will grind to a halt and much of what has been achieved in recent years will be set back drastically."

Thirwell warned that Australian corporations' continued reluctance to take a stake in tourism would hand the industry to offshore interests by default.

The commission has forecast 2.3 million overseas visitors to Australia this year — matching the record 1988 bicentennial and World Expo year. By 2000, the number is expected to balloon to 6.5 million, half from Japan and Asia.

Bombay shares

| Bombay Stock Exchange prices (Rs) | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|--------|--------|
| July 16, 90 | Pr. Close | Open | Close |
| ACC | 39.30 | 40.00 | 39.25 |
| Alcon Chem | — | — | — |
| Alw Nis | — | — | — |
| Art Fab | — | — | — |
| Ashtek Ley | 84 | 84 | 83 |
| Asia Palm | 240 | 235 | 236.25 |
| Cop | 45 | 44 | 46 |
| Auto Corp | 68 | 68 | 67 |
| Nat Index | 467.38 | 467.63 | 467.30 |
| Bajaj Auto | 512.50 | 500 | 507.50 |
| Bar Rayon | 1117.5 | 1050 | 1075 |
| BSE Plant | — | — | — |
| Bom Dyne | 257 | 250 | 248 |
| AK Bond | 116 | 115 | 114.50 |
| Burr Wel | 67.50 | — | — |
| Canvare | — | — | — |
| Can Enka | 39.30 | 40.00 | 39.25 |
| Can Sng | 3700 | 3625 | 3630 |
| Colgate | 255 | 247.50 | 245 |
| Cromt Gr | 1040 | 1025 | 1050 |
| DCM | 31.50 | 30 | 31 |
| Dag Polv | 30.50 | 30 | 29.50 |
| Dunlop | 63.75 | 61.25 | 62 |
| El Hotels | 60 | 59 | 58 |
| Esports | 108 | 106 | 103 |
| BSE Index | 920.34 | 137.50 | 886.33 |
| Esakref | 141.25 | 137.50 | 137.50 |
| Esar Sng | 40.50 | 38.50 | 39 |
| Food Spl | 130 | 122.50 | 123.75 |
| Forbes | 61 | 59 | 60 |
| Gar Poly | 34.5 | 35 | 35.50 |
| Glimbia | 100 | 99 | 99.50 |
| GNFC | 40.75 | 40.50 | 40 |
| Grasim | 144 | 140.50 | 140 |
| GE Ship | 45 | 44.50 | 42.50 |
| GSFC | 221.25 | 221.25 | 213.75 |
| Guj Alkl | 40 | 39 | 39 |
| Guj Heavy | 16 | 15 | 15.50 |
| Hero Honda | 38.50 | 36 | 37 |
| Hind Ciba | 1520 | 1520 | 1480 |
| Hind Lever | 128 | 125 | 125 |
| Hind Cocac | 170 | 167.50 | 163.75 |
| Hind Motor | 44 | 44 | 41 |
| Hindale | 203.25 | 205 | 207.50 |
| Hoechst | 2410 | 2350 | 2300 |
| Ingersoll | 240 | 230 | 235 |
| ITC | 93 | 93 | 89 |
| Ind Org | 63.75 | 60 | 57 |
| Ind Rayon | 124.50 | 122 | 120.50 |
| Indrol | 267.50 | 266.25 | 257.50 |
| JK Sng | 69 | 68 | 67 |
| Kin Engg | 170 | 165 | 170 |
| Kir Cumm | 80 | 77 | 76 |
| KSA Pumps | 192.50 | 185 | 195 |
| L&T | 90 | 95 | 92.50 |
| Lipton | 84.50 | 81 | 82 |
| Mac Russel | 90 | 90 | 88 |
| Mad Cows | 125 | 120 | 125 |
| Mahindra | 90 | 87.50 | 86.25 |
| Mas Share | 19.85 | 20 | 19.85 |
| Mico | 980 | 970 | 940 |
| Milford | 180 | 160 | 180 |
| Modi | 80 | 77.50 | 75 |
| MRF Ltd | 325 | 305 | 320 |
| Muk Iron | 141 | 140 | 135 |
| Nocli | 1400 | 1350 | 1340 |
| Nat Org | 36 | 35 | 36 |
| Nippon | 24.50 | 23.50 | 23.25 |
| Oswal Agro | 40 | 38.50 | 39.50 |
| Petco | 89 | 85 | 88 |
| Pfizer | 247.50 | 242.50 | 247.50 |
| Prom Auto | 71.50 | 70 | 67.50 |
| Ranbaxy | 99 | 97 | 99 |
| Reliant | 92 | 89 | 92 |
| Reliance | 240 | 237.50 | 235 |
| Reliance | 98.50 | 96.50 | 94.50 |
| Sesa Gao | 99.50 | 96 | 95 |
| Shri Fib | 47.50 | 47 | 50 |
| Siemens | 113 | 111 | 111 |

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Tokyo stock

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| Volume: 590 mil shs | | | |
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| Alps Electric | 2010 | +20 | |
| Amada | 1830 | +20 | |

What's new on Western TV

A drama comes to life for the weeping star of a new TV show

By Kate Saunders

TEAR-JERKING drama lurked behind the scenes of TV's newest soap opera, *Children's Ward*, for two of its young stars.

The cast of the Granada series was taken to a hospital for a dose of reality before filming began.

The visit was especially poignant for 16-year-old Kate Emma Davies because it reminded her of a tragedy in her own family.

Dark-haired, bubbly Kate went suddenly quiet as she told me: "I saw this tiny kid on a life-support machine in the intensive care ward. Nurses said she would probably never live to come off it."

"I burst out crying. It really brought back my own family's tragedy. My three-year-old sister Sarah died in hospital with cancer and a hole in her heart."

"I didn't really think about it until we went to the hospital and saw those babies in intensive care."

For Kate's friend and co-star, 16-year-old Jenny Luckcraft, the visit was also an emotional experience.

"The trip really did open my eyes," she confessed. "Some of the things we saw were so sad. I particularly remember a little boy on a drip, and a baby with a burned face."

"But none of those children were complaining. They could cope with things so much better than adults."

Despite the heartbreak, there was still a lot of fun and laughter as they filmed the programme, which looks likely to be a hit with TV audiences everywhere.

And for the two young actresses, the fun came mainly from their own friendship. And when they met unexpectedly at auditions for the series, there were shrieks of delight from them both. Amazingly, both were picked for the programme from more than 1,000 hopefuls.

Relaxing at Granada's studios in Manchester, petite Kate said: "Jenny and I have known each other for years. When we're together we never stop talking and giggling."

"We helped each other to identify with the characters we have to play in *Children's Ward*, and then we'd sneak off to eat cake in our lunch hour."

Fair-haired Jenny, in jeans, curled up on the nearby sofa, grinned and agreed: "But we weren't always a help to the producer. Sometimes we couldn't look at each other, in case we collapsed with the giggles."

Added Kate: "We were really worried at that audition because we seemed to be in competition. But now we've acted together, our friendship is much stronger. There's chemistry between us that I've never experienced in any other role."

Kate and Jenny's infectious enthusiasm spread to the whole cast of the TV drama. The result is an action-packed, humorous and tragic series which pulls no punches and can be enjoyed both by children and adults.

Although the young actresses' hospital visit was disturbing, it also showed them the brighter side of life on a children's ward.

Jenny said: "The show is very much like what we saw in real life. Children run riot. The music is on loud and everyone's enjoying themselves. I was amazed on the ward by all the noise and children wheeling about on bikes and things."

The series aims to show that children have no reason to be afraid of hospital. Jenny, her cheerful face framed by wisps of fair hair, added: "I've never been a hospital patient but I don't think it's frightening at all. If I didn't have anything serious I don't think I should mind."

"My role as Keely, a young girl recovering from hepatitis, has taught me a lot. I've had a very secure home life, but Keely hasn't. She's really over the top, a bit of a tart."

"She's nothing like me, and I'm glad I can switch

off from her character!"

None of Jenny's family, who live in down-to-earth Oldham, on the north side of Manchester, are in showbiz — "except for one of Dad's aunts who was a Tiller chorus girl," laughs Jenny.

The bubbly young actress started her career at a local drama workshop. Although she is now just taking her 'A level' exams at her ordinary school, Jenny already has a string of TV, radio and stage appearances under her belt.

Acting is a passion which takes up all her spare time. That is, when she is not window shopping or going to tea shops with her pal Kate!

Kate's acting credentials already include a starring role in the original West End cast of the kid gangster spoof *Bugsy Malone*, the TV mini-series *Queenie*, with Kirk Douglas, and the story series *Tales of the Unexpected* with Joss Ackland and Pauline Collins.

Both girls want to act full-time but first, Kate, whose father is a hairdresser, hopes to go to university and take a degree in French.

"I have a tutor for exams, and although I have to spend a lot of time in hotels around the country, I don't think I suffer too much," she said. "When I come home to Oldham, it's a great excuse for a mad night out with friends."

Chipped in Jenny: "Our friends don't treat us any differently because we're on TV. That's probably because we don't make a big thing about it."

"And we don't have any problems with boyfriends, either..."

"That's because we never have any," added Kate... sparking off a joint burst of giggles, a story

When 16-year-old actress Kate Emma Davies went to a hospital to research her new role in the series, *Children's Ward*, the heartbreaking past came flooding back. For Kate's three-year-old sister Sarah died of cancer in a real-life hospital war.

about "a gorgeous man on the train," and a dispute over who was better looking — a tennis player Ivan Lendl, or Marlon Brando.

But despite their mischievous sense of fun, the two girls are strictly professional when the cameras roll, or the curtain rises.

Jenny admitted: "I really had to think quite hard about getting Keely right. Every day before filming, Kate and I would discuss our characters, and carry on conversations as if we were really them."

"Kate plays a rather prim girl called Tiffany — so suddenly she'd switch from being herself into this really prim girl..."

"Quite soon I began really to understand my character, Keely, and to think like her."

"I talked about Keely to Kate for so long, and gradually worked my way into her feelings, that suddenly in front of the cameras when the part needed it, the tears started rolling."

"I had bottled up everything as Keely so automatically I began to cry. And then I noticed that even the cameramen were crying."

But at Booth Hall Hospital, away from the studio, the tears were very real, when Jenny and Kate saw the suffering children.

Jenny told me: "It made me ashamed of moaning about trivial things, like having a cold or spots on my face."

Children's Ward has made two nice teen-age girls grow up. But despite the sad bits, they are still looking on the bright side.



Kate Emma Davies is Tiffany in *Children's Ward*. Pictures by Nancy Knott

WHAT'S ON

Approb 'Who's Who' directory
THE Association of Pakistani Professionals and Businessmen (Approb) is planning to publish a "Who's Who" directory of prominent Pakistani professionals and businessmen resident in Kuwait by January 1991. The directory aims at providing information about all Pakistanis proficient and distinguished in their professions and businesses.

Data forms are available free of cost from Approb executive board members and other locations. For further details contact Approb on Tel. No. 2425315, Fax 5323751, P.O. Box 2351, Salmiya, 22024 Salmiya, Kuwait.

A copy of the directory will be given free of charge to all individuals whose names will appear in the directory.

Kapilku
July 19: Kapilku awards certificates of attendance to those who attended tailoring, book-keeping, basic accounts and basic computer courses. The ceremony will be held at Al Araliya Restaurant, 8 pm. Philippine Ambassador Mauryag Mohammad Tamano will be the chief guest. Buffet dinner, KD 3 per person. Proceeds will go towards the school fund.

Those who attended self-improvement classes are asked to contact Sarah Macarimbang. Tel: 4839009, 4839889, 4843447.

Summerbelle '90
Aug 2: United Goans Centre will hold Summerbelle '90 at the SAS Hotel's The Tent. Top Ranks and Hurricane Alley in attendance. For reservations call Tony 2612024: Cyril 2523930; Joe 5655140.

Sur Sangeet
July 19: A musical evening will be presented by Sur Sangeet group to say farewell to outgoing Indian Second Secretary S.M. Mathur. Singers participating in the show include Valencia, Rosebud, Laxmi, Charlie, Shahnawaz Karim.

Rock and Reggae
July 22: 'Let's Rock and Reggae', a concert with Steve Michael and the Afro Beat, will be held from 9pm at the Holiday Inn Hotel's Grand Ballroom. Vocalist Sheryl Pereira will make a special appearance as a soloist and also join Steve in some duets. Tina Mathews will perform a Reggae dance routine. Reservations open. Tel: 2405648; 2476660; 5714340; 5721030. Tickets also available from special desk in Holiday Inn lobby. The concert is being organised and presented by Phil Danielle. Early bookings are advised due to limited seating.

At the Plaza:
Al Dallah Coffee Shop: international cuisine; open buffet plus menu.

At the Sberator:
Hunt Room. Daily buffet lunch in addition to a la carte; plus grilled specialties; a la carte dinner plus some specialties from Le Tabouche; Duo Fantasy in attendance.

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TELEVISION PROGRAMME

KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Cartoons
9.40 Ifrah Ya Simsim: a programme for children
10.10 Good Morning
10.30 Wahad Nahar: Arabic serial, featuring Azza Kamal, Mustafa Fahmi
11.15 Sahah Al Khair
12.00 Al Kanaz: Arabic serial, starring: Hind Kamel, Nazir Al Samari.
1.00 News Summary
1.05 World News via Satellite
1.30 Cartoons
2.00 Al Sunafer: cartoon-serial
2.30 Surkhah Nadam: Gulf serial, starring: Mar- yam Saleh, Ali Has- san
3.30 Musrah Al Muwahib: Talented People's Theatre
4.15 Huwar Wa Nugham: variety programme presented by Hanan Al Sa'ati.
5.15 Cartoons
5.30 Adventures: cartoon serial
6.00 Variety
6.30 Kan'a Ma Kan'a: children's serial
7.00 Special programme on Iraq
8.00 Al Anes Wal Jalees: focus on Arab literature. Tonight, Alif Laila Wa Lailas.
9.00 News in Arabic
9.45 Raqeeb La Yanam: Arabic serial, featuring Ahmad Mazhar, Samiya Al Ali
11.00 Ibn Al Ha'ara: Arabic feature film, starring Farid Shawki, Laila Fawzi, Jalal Harb, Hussein Riyad.
12.20 News Summary

KTV 2

12.25 World News via Satellite
1.40 Holy Quran/Closedown
6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Chic and Dale's Rescue: cartoon serial
6.30 The New Mickey Mouse Club: A variety show for young viewers.
7.00 International Overdoorman: "Alligators in the Wild." A look at alligators in the swamps of Louisiana.
7.30 Kate and Allie: "Better Never Than Late." Allie's mother-in-law pays a surprise visit and claims her grandson. Comedy.
8.00 News in English
8.30 You and the Law: A weekly programme on Kuwaiti laws; prepared by the Interior Ministry.
8.40 Border Town: A white boy adopted by an Indian chief is reclaimed by his relatives.
9.00 Horizon: The sharpest show of the Universe. A look at a giant telescope launched in space.
10.00 Perfect Strangers: Balki and Larry plan to join a karate club. Comedy.
10.30 Best Seller: "The Fortunes of War" Guy brushes up his acting skills as the war continues.
12.30 News in Brief
12.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown
Please note that Kuwait Television programmes end times are liable to change without notice.

Seafood bonanza

SEAFOOD is a delicacy that almost everyone enjoys. Al Salam Hotel's Mersa Restaurant has recently opened with a panoramic view of the deep blue sea and the Shuwaikh harbour. A seafood festival is now on at the restaurant featuring some of the finest fish found in Gulf waters. Fresh fish, imported and local, are being displayed by the United Fisheries. Al Mersa offers buffet dinner, nightly, from 7pm. A la carte is also offered. Picture on left shows some of the guests at the restaurant.

■ All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursdays, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

PRAYERS

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| Fajr | 3.27 am |
| Zuhr | 11.54 |
| Asr | 3.29 pm |
| Maghreb | 6.48 |
| Isha | 8.18 pm |

CINEMA

Al Andalus
Jazira Al Shaitan (Arabic)
Starring: Adel Imam, Yusra Al Salmiya
Tahit Al Sir (Arabic)
Starring: Saiah Saadani, Nalla Fahmi
Al Hamra
D.O.A.
Starring: Dennis Quaid, Meg Ryan
Drive-In
Jazira Al Shaitan (Arabic)
Starring: Adel Imam, Yusra Al Salmiya
Al Firdous
Taadeer Ka Tamasha (Hindi)
Starring: Jeetendra, Kimi Katkar
Fahad Open-Air
Basara (Hindi)
Al Fahad
Al Raqassah Wal Siyasi (Arabic)
Al Jahra
Agunpani (Bengali)
Granada
Closed
Sulabikhat
Oru Vadakan Veeragadha (Malayalam)
Al Jleeb
Biroha Bitha (Bengali)
Almadi Drive-in
Al Mobtaraf Wal Ashbah (Arabic)

Sport

All Filipino

Scrabble Tournament
July 20: Filbeck have announced the all-female scrabble tournament, scheduled to start on Friday, July 20, will now be open to all Filipinos, male and female. Deadline for entries is July 19.

A total of 15 minutes is allocated for each player to finish the game; a player who exceeds the time limit will cease to play and his/her last score will be considered as the last score. Each player is required to use a chess clock to monitor time. The winner or the player with the highest score will earn 3 points; third one point and the last zero point. In case of a tie, the player with the highest score wins.

The champion and the two runners-up will each receive a trophy and valuable gift items. Registration forms are available at the Kabayan Restaurant. For details contact Edward/Liza 2402405

Education

British Council

The British Council is giving out information on how to get British qualifications through correspondence. Details about the names of colleges, dates and fees can be obtained from the Education Office, open from 9 am to 12.30 noon and 5 to 8 pm.



Jenny Luckcraft plays Keely in new TV soap *Children's Ward*

**"Imagine you've got 12 of these babies
and a burglar breaks in."**

Man may never take the first step on Mars

Fearless robots expected to plant flags

By John Rhea

IF an American flag is going to be planted on Mars by the year 2019, as President Bush recommended on May 11, it's likely to be a robot rather than a human that will do the planting.

"Thirty years from now, I believe man will stand on another planet," Bush told a commencement gathering at Texas A & I University, Kingsville, Texas, in an evocation of President Kennedy's famous challenge to land a man on the moon during the decade of the '60s. "I believe that before Apollo celebrates the 50th anniversary of its landing on the moon, the American flag should be planted on Mars."

However, it is becoming increasingly doubtful that any human will ever step on the surface of the red planet—or any other extraterrestrial body except the moon.

The irony is that the space-age technology that is making exploration of the solar system possible is also making humans obsolete as the explorers. Astronauts and auto workers alike are being elbowed aside by the same competitor: the computer.

By the time even the Russians and Americans working together could get a crew of astronauts to Mars, computers will

be as much advanced beyond today's models as the space shuttle is beyond the Wright brother's flyer.

These incredible computers of the future, which are being developed today mostly under military sponsorship, have compelling advantages over human explorers. They don't have to be fed, they don't need their own atmosphere, and they can cope with the psychological stress of prolonged isolation in space. Best of all, they work cheap—a lot cheaper than the \$500 billion price tag that NASA has put on the manned Mars mission.

But can the computers do the job? They certainly couldn't during the Apollo days, when the astronauts had to fly their spacecraft back from the moon manually because the total vocabulary of their on-board computers was only 39,000 words. Today's personal computers have the equivalent of 30 million words of memory and sell for about \$1,000.

The friction between manned and unmanned space projects has been endemic since President Eisenhower created NASA in 1958. The scientific value of the unmanned projects has had to be weighed against the publicity value of the more glamorous manned missions. While it's true, as one astronaut remarked, that

"nobody gives a ticker tape parade for a computer," it's also true that flags aren't lowered to half staff after the loss of a Mariner or Voyager unmanned spacecraft, as they were after the Challenger tragedy.

In less than 50 years the information processing power at the microchip level has grown exponentially, from one function per transistor in 1947 to 64 million in today's state-of-the-art memory chips.

Dr Robert Noyce, the inventor of the integrated circuit, estimated in 1983 that the US semiconductor industry produced the equivalent of 100 trillion functions at a cost of a hundredth of a cent per function. "That number, 100 trillion, is equal to the number of the synapses in the human brain," he noted. "If we were to continue to approximately double the number of elements produced each year by the semiconductor industry we would have produced the number in all human brains by about the year 2020."

There is no end in sight to this trend. As today's silicon-based electronics is superseded by more powerful materials such as gallium-arsenide—and later by photonics, in which photons rather than electrons process information even more efficiently—computers rivaling the human brain

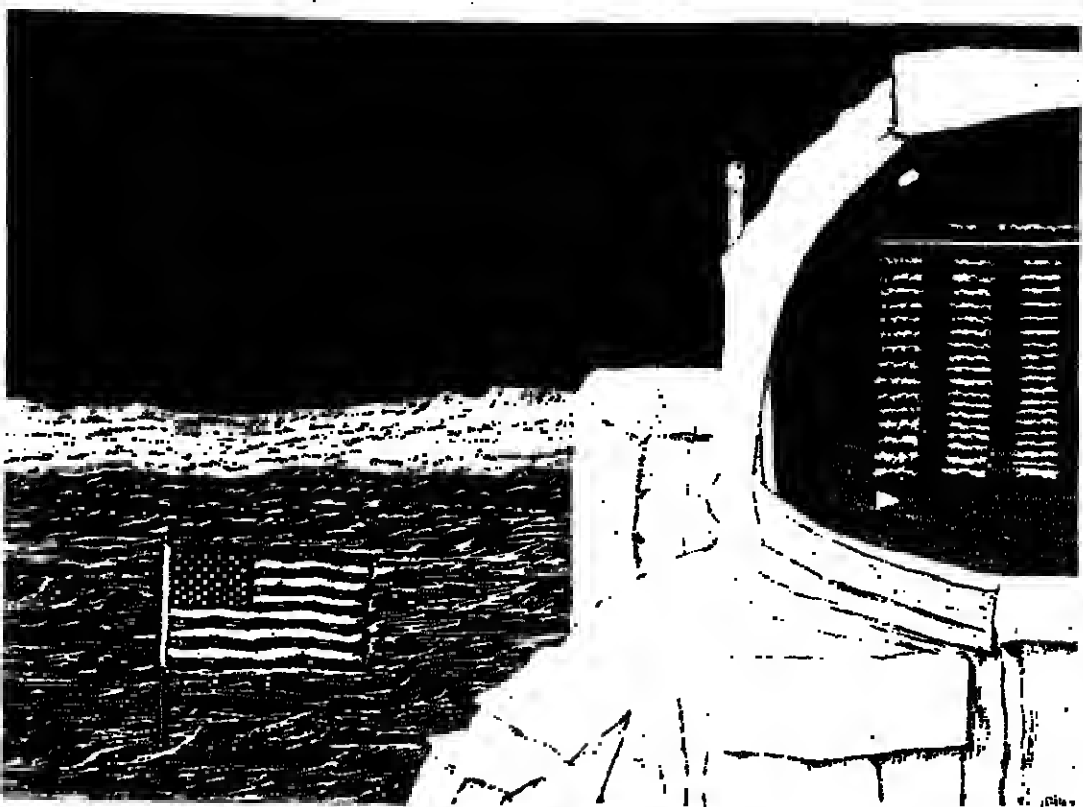
will become commonplace.

This kind of machine intelligence embodied in robot-like devices is going to transform a lot of human activities, not just space exploration. The Pentagon is developing what is known as a "pilot's associate" to take over the routine functions of flying a fighter mission. The University of Michigan's Transportation Research Institute is applying this technology to "intelligent vehicles" and "intelligent highways" that will make even the act of driving obsolete.

Although this may be hard to swallow for former Navy pilot George Bush, the evidence is becoming clear that automated systems can function better in such hazardous environments as the battlefields on Earth and the void of space.

Humans may never take that first step on Mars, but they will be able to represent it by a race of fearless and diligent robots that can plant the flags of all the world's nations.

John Rhea, a free-lance writer in Woodstock, Va., has been writing about space since 1959. He is a former subcontractor on NASA's space shuttle programme and a life member of the Missile, Space and Range Pioneers.



Hiker's paradise

LENCOIS, Brazil. (Reuters): For a good view of Brazil's highest waterfall, lie flat on your stomach and ease your way along a rock that juts out over a dizzying, 1,300-foot (400-metre) drop.

Glass Falls come into view as a misty veil of water against the backdrop of a cliff so high that you can't see the bottom from your lofty perch.

Despite the spectacular setting, the waterfall in Brazil's northeastern state of Bahia has attracted few foreign tourists, probably because of its remoteness.

But the fall and the surroundings Chapada Diamantina National Park are all an adventurous hiker could desire.

Like most of Brazil's national parks, it is empty of tourists. In Brazil walking is still the mark of the eccentric and the national instinct is to spend holidays sunbathing on the country's beaches.

The Chapada Diamantina is well inland, some 240 miles (385 km) west of the Bahian capital, Salvador, in the heart of the "sertao," the dry backlands of the northeast. But in the Chapada itself the typical sertao landscape of scrub and cactus quickly gives way to a much, lush land.

The region is a mix of meadow and mountain, plunging sandstone canyons and gentle rivers with wooded banks. Orchids dot the landscape and green parrots chatter in the trees.

The town of Lencois, which serves as entrance to the park, is a picturesque colonial-style settlement dating back to 1844, when prospectors discovered diamonds in the area.

The black diamonds of the Chapada Diamantina were highly prized in the 19th century by the world's civil engineers, who worked on heroic projects demanding a good deal of drilling.

"They say it was Lencois diamonds that were used for the building of the London underground and the Panama Canal," said Luiz Krug, a former graphics designer who now earns a living guiding visitors through the region.

Today prospectors still dig for diamonds within the confines of the 380,000-acre (152,000-hectare) park, although it is strictly illegal. In Lencois people speak of them almost in a whisper. Some prospectors, known as "garimpeiros" in Brazil, have a reputation for violence.

However, garimpeiros work in only a small part of the park and present no risk to the cautious tourist. The biggest hazard in the park is probably twisting your ankle in an armadillo's burrow.

From Lencois to the village of Capao, a day's walk, just follow the donkey droppings and you shouldn't go wrong. The path, paved with local stone for part of the way, takes the walker through a rich variety of scenery.

After winding up a hillside and then passing through a valley with cliffs on either side, you emerge in a grassy plain dominated by the majestic, 4,653-foot (1,395-metre) "Morrao," literally the big mountain.

Monkeys

Pawned in the name of science

WASHINGTON, (Reuters): Will Augustus, Domitius and Big Boy soon meet their deaths after the tops of their skulls are lopped off and their brains repeatedly pierced by electrodes?

Or will the furry trio instead end up making monkeys of US, federal bureaucrats?

The three are members of the Silver Spring Six, a dwindling band of monkeys that were research subjects in a Silver Spring, Maryland, laboratory supported by the National Institute of Health (NIH) until their liberation in 1981.

Over the past decade, they have become pawns in an emotionally charged battle over the right of scientists to perform medical experiments with animals as subjects.

Animal rights activists, once dismissed as cranks by the scientific community, have now gained enough strength to put federal health bureaucrats on the defensive.

Their success in shifting public opinion prompted US Health Secretary Louis Sullivan to publicly condemn "terrorist" acts by animal rights groups on medical research facilities.

"It is important for all Americans to know that these attacks have the real potential to compromise medical research... and to stand in the way of significant medical breakthroughs," Sullivan said in a recent speech.

Whereas animal rights groups once raided research facilities or sneaked sympathisers into laboratories to publicise their cause, they are increasingly turning to traditional protests.

Among the most potent symbols of their movement have been the Silver Spring monkeys, a type known as crab-eating macaques found in the Philippines.

They were among 17 monkeys freed by Montgomery County, Maryland, police in 1981 after a worker complained of their treatment there.

Five of the 17 have since died. One, Billy, was put to death in January and NIH experiment. Five have been given to the San Diego zoo and the remaining six are living at Tulane University's Delta Primate Centre in Covington, La.

Following a long legal battle, the NIH served notice last week that it planned to anaesthetise three of the remaining monkeys, perform one final experiment on them and then put them to death in a mercy killing.

NIH officials said the three were in constant pain due to residual effects of tests performed on them years ago.

But before killing them, researchers want one more test. The activist ethical treatment of animals group wants the monkeys freed in a nature preserve to live their days in peace, but a federal court threw their lawsuit out on procedural grounds.

But the monkeys still have one more chance.

The government has agreed to stay the mercy killing until next week, when five members of the US House of Representatives are to make their case directly to NIH acting Director William Raeb.

Family seeks assistance

Hoffman helps 'Rainman' child

ACTOR Dustin Hoffman, who played an autistic patient in *Rainman*, has pledged to raise money in Hollywood to free a little boy from a twilight world.

For four-year-old John Weymouth is also autistic, and has never been able to speak a word. Mother Carol needs \$36,000 to send him to a miracle-working clinic in Boston, America.

Remembering Dustin's brilliant performance in *Rainman*, she wrote to the superstar asking if he could help. Carol, aged 22, told Dustin in letter: "I'm desperate. Only this place in Boston can offer any hope for my little boy. Can you do anything for him?"

Then she told how, John, who suffers from the mystery affliction Dustin researched for his role, became agonizingly frustrated when he couldn't communicate his feelings to the rest of the world.

Carol, from Stamford Hill, North London, had been in touch with the Higuashi School, Boston. They replied that, with round-the-clock treatment, John would be able to speak within three months.

But the staggering bill for three years at the clinics and all the fares and extras would come to that staggering \$36,000.

It was an out-of-this-world goal for Carol. She told me: "John's father, also called John is a labourer and we could never dream of ever raising this amount by ourselves. And we have two other children—two-year-old Kerry and Mark, aged five months—to think of as well."

Carol started an amazing campaign to raise the money to allow her little son to escape from his *Rainman* world. Then she remembered seeing Dustin's Oscar-winning performance as an autistic sufferer. She said: "I was moved by Dustin in that movie. It was the first time I'd ever seen autism depicted on screen. His portrayal was so accurate that I felt sure he would be sympathetic towards John."

"But I knew that a famous star like Dustin Hoffman would receive thousands of letters asking for help with appeals. That is why I was amazed when he picked mine out and replied."

"Dustin said he was busy working on the movie *Death of a Salesman*. But when the movie was finished in six months' time, he would be happy to raise money for John in the States. And Dustin said he wanted to meet John when we went to America."

"I'm so grateful to the Hollywood star for pledging his support to my son's appeal. I know that, if John could speak,

he would thank Dustin himself."

Meanwhile, Carol is hard at work fundraising herself. She is hoping to get more than £5,000 by raffling her Ford Fiesta car. She has also organised a local talent show and is busy trying to recruit other stars to help her reach her target.

Carol told me: "I've approached both Cliff Richard and Bros, and am hoping that they will take an interest in John's appeal. Autism receives very little publicity in this country and, if the pop stars become involved in the fundraising, then others will get to hear about it."

John has been autistic since the age of "three months. Although normal at birth, he was a sickly baby. He contracted a stomach infection which made him very ill. Doctors operated on John to remove excess fluid from his stomach. And Carol believes that it was the shock of that operation which left him autistic."

She remembers: "Up until then, John had been a cheerful boy who gurgled and smiled a lot. He had begun to form words and could say, 'Mamma' and 'Dadda' before the operation. But, when he came home afterwards, he had changed."

"He stopped trying to talk and went from a happy-go-lucky child to a hyperactive, violent toddler. Everyone told me that John would begin to talk when he was ready. But I was so worried about him that I took him to the doctor."

Carol's doctor could not find the cause of John's trouble, sent him to see a specialist at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in London. After a series of test, doctors diagnosed John as being autistic.

Carol and husband John's initial reaction was one of shock. She says: "We had both known that there was something wrong with John. But we thought that, whatever it was, was curable. We believed our son would be able to talk one day."

"Neither of us knew anything about autism and were told all about the mystery illness. The one thought that kept coming back to haunt us was 'what have we done to deserve this?'"

"In fact, I thought it was a punishment from God. And, when John was two, I took him to the miracle shrine at Lourdes. I dipped him in the Holy Water, hoping that he would be cured."

Carol says John is a loving child and is very attached to his younger sister, Kerry. Carol adds: "They often fight, but then they kiss and make up. Kerry is beginning to talk and can say John's name. You know that John wants to be able to answer back when she calls him. It's so heart-breaking to see his frustration when he can't."

And with two other children at home, Carol feels she cannot give him as much attention as he needs. "It's impossible to spend time with John. I wish I could set aside two hours a day to teach him to talk," she says.

Carol also feels that John isn't getting any special help at school. Carol explains: "John attends a local school for the handicapped, but this doesn't really cater for his type of disability. I believe his only chance of getting better is to go to the Boston school."

"This Japanese-run clinic teaches them to trust and communicate with other people. The children are given tasks to perform and made to feel part of a group in the eventual hope that they will no longer withdraw into themselves."

"The miracle school offers John a once-in-a-lifetime chance of getting better. Like any mother, all I want is for my son to grow up happy and well, and to live a normal life."

Donations can be sent to: John Weymouth Appeal Fund, Barclays Bank Plc, 159 Stoke Newington High Street, London N16 0PD.



Autistic four-year-old John Weymouth.

Cinema

Svelte-is-out look

By Vernon Scott

HOLLYWOOD. (UPI): Actress Patricia Darbo has benefitted mightily from the Roseanne Barr svelte-is-out look.

Barr's malevolent characterisation in her *Roseanne* TV series has inspired other, well, healthy actresses and would-be actresses to set aside their self-consciousness and to go with the flow.

Rubens would have liked the 1990s. One such hefty newcomer is Darbo, a delightfully whimsical, cheerful young woman who will be seen in four movies this summer: small parts in *Cremis 2*, *Spaced Invaders*, *Ghost Dad* and a major role in *Daddy's Dyin'... Who's Got the Will?*

Darbo's weight has helped more than hindered her career over the course of eight movies and in TV commercials.

"I couldn't believe I got my first movie part when I auditioned for *The Night Before*, Darbo said in an interview.

The role description called for a "sleazy Madonna type," which gave me my first clue that maybe I was not supposed to be there. When I showed up the other actresses looked 8 feet (244 cm) tall and I came up to their kneecaps. I'm only 5-foot-2 (157 cm).

"But I did look and dress sleazy. I had nothing to lose. I was stunned when they gave me the part."

Darbo said she co-starred in the stage version of *Daddy's Dyin'...* playing the abused wife. The movie version was tailored for her, although the cast features much better-known stars: Beau Bridges, Beverly D'Angelo, Judge Reinhold and Keith Carradine.

"The play and the movie have opened a lot of doors for me," she said. "There is big interest at the networks in putting me in a TV series, which I would love to do. Mel Brooks called to say he wants to do a movie

with me." Darbo giggled and said she has been compared to Roseanne, which amuses her. "The only thing that I can see is that we're both short, round women," she said. "One of the things people notice about me in *Daddy's...* on stage and in the movie is that it told audiences to forget stereotypes. I take the guy away from Beverly D'Angelo, which is really nice for me."

I end up with Judge Reinhold after a sexy love scene that reminded me of the one in the kitchen in *The Postman Always Rings Twice*.

Darbo, whose smiling, round face is framed in curls, studied acting at Georgia Southern, where she majored in business. In Hollywood she became credit manager for a major firm for 17 years.

After her marriage she quit her 9-5 job to pursue an acting career.

A major priority was to slim down to escape the possibility of merely being a sight gag. She dieted off 65 pounds (29 kg), 20 pounds (9 kg) of which she has recently regained.

"I was up to about 200 pounds (100 kg)," she said. "Now I'm down to about 175 (79 kg). But I didn't eat for four months, under the care of a doctor. I've finally learned how to diet carefully and combine my food intake with proper exercise."

"Weight problems are a part of my inheritance. My dad has been called 'chubby' all his life. My whole family is chubby, so I guess it's in my genes."

"Believe it or not, I was the lead chorus girl in a musical show titled *Bottoms Up*. I was the comic relief in a number called *Queen of the Champagne Ballroom*. I was supposed to look topless and I wore a tall headdress."

FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

Talk with doctor about hormone treatments

QUESTION: Although I'm able to cope with most of the feelings that come on with my hot flashes, they have been going on for more than two years now, and I'm beginning to wonder when this will all end. Is there a possibility you might include a simple answer for me in your column?

ANSWER: Like you, many women are forced to deal with one of the more distressing signs of menopause, the hot flash or flush. While some of the secrets of the "why's" and "how's" of this most uncomfortable symptom are not clear, a great deal is known, and I will try to tell it to you.

Not all women have severe or annoying episodes; for many, the event is mild and infrequent, lasting but a few moments. They occur during the day and disappear after a year or two. For others, however, the flashes can be most severe, lasting up to 10 minutes and striking as often as six times an hour. They may happen frequently at night, destroying sleep and provoking severe night sweats.

Statistics show that as many as 25 per cent to 50 per cent of all those who suffer with hot flashes may continue to have them for as long as five years. The flash, skin flush and perspiration are a result of a temporary imbalance of the system in the body that regulates the body's temperature. The hot flash attack begins in the hypothalamus, an organ lodged deep within the brain, that is responsible for the temperature control of the body, and also monitors the level of estrogen (female hormone that circulates in the blood).

When estrogen levels are low, it sends a message to the interior pituitary gland (using a chemical called gonadotropin releasing hormone). In turn the anterior pituitary gland sends a chemical messenger (this time it's called follicular stimulating hormone) to the ovaries to produce more estrogen. When the aging ovaries can not respond (or when the ovaries are missing because of surgery), the hypothalamus next releases a stimulant called free epinephrine, which spills over into the heat regulating area, and starts the reactions in both heart and skin that result in increased circulation and dilated blood vessels in the skin, creating all the sensations of a hot flash.

Even though the sensation may last a few minutes, it takes about half an hour for the body systems to return to normal. Over time, the body and all of the mechanisms that control the body temperature read just to the new lower levels of estrogen, and the attacks stop.

However, other complications that occur with reduced estrogen production, such as osteoporosis, cardiovascular disease and vaginal atrophy and drying, continue to progress overtime. Since the attacks vary in frequency and intensity from woman to woman, the consideration of possible treatment must remain an individual decision. Hormone replacement therapy can be used to diminish the symptoms, and other will also be of considerable benefit in preventing or alleviating the other complications of menopause. All the pros and cons should be discussed with your physician. Hormone therapy can produce other annoying symptoms, such as weight gain, swelling, breakthrough bleeding, symptoms, such as breast tenderness and abdominal bloating. The presence of breast or uterine cancer in the family history also can influence the decision to use hormone treatments.

Toy trouble

The letters of these toys have got muddled up.

Can you sort them out and find the toys?



Dear Junior Readers,

If all of your friends have left Kuwait to spend their summer holidays in another country and you find yourself alone, there are many things you can do to avoid feeling lonely.

Kuwait has a number of bookshops which are rich with children's books. You can find books of all types: fiction, non-fiction, colouring books, puzzles, jokes, activity books, cooking books, sewing books and DIY books.

Reading is one of the best ways to spend time when you are alone. You can read

about many different types of people and many strange lands and animals. You will be able to learn about new experiences and how to deal with problems which may otherwise be a burden.

You can teach yourself how to sew, cook or make various ornaments around the house. Books are a grand treasure which should never be taken for granted.

Drawing and painting is another activity worth considering. You can draw, colour or paint for hours on end without getting bored. If you intend to paint though, make sure you cover the surface under the paper you are going to paint on with a thick sheet

of waste-paper or an old newspaper. You do not want mummy to get angry because you dirtied the dining room table, do you?

There are many things you can draw — your best friend, your bedroom, your pet, a sea shore, a park, a supermarket, your favourite food...anything! If you prefer designing, you can buy especially patterned paper which will help you achieve different designs by colouring the paper appropriately.

Video games, like Atari, and watching television/video are also nice pastimes, however, do not invest too much time in front of a television screen. The screen

emits certain rays which are unhealthy if the intake is large. Leave television, video, and video games as a last resort to killing boredom.

Thank you Faiza, Tehzeeb and Nihad for contributing work to the "Your Work" column. I am sure that all the Junior Times readers will enjoy them.

A reminder to all readers who wish to send work to "Your Work" entries may include stories, poems, artwork or ideas of all kinds. The address is Junior Times, Arab Times, P.O. Box 2270, 13023 Safat Kuwait.

Manal

Poems

When I was little

When I was little
I always heard
eat up your greens
not just a third
pull up your socks
don't be ashamed
now I'm a mum
I say just the same.

Julie Hodgson

Joy of a grandchild

A grandchild can be a loveable boy,
Can fill up your life with countless joy,
Is ready to play any time of the day,
Has plenty to do, and lots more to say,
But when fast asleep that angelic face,
Makes it hard to believe of him in disgrace,
Like crushing up slugs and snails with his feet,
And feeding the dog with spiders to eat,
throwing a stone at next door's cat,
Cuddles at bedtime combats all that,
A goodnight kiss that melts your heart,
The look that says, I'm not a bad sort,
So off to bed till next time he'll say,
What are we doing grandma, today,
Dorothy Howell, UK.

Wordsearch

THAT'S A LAUGH

CARTOON
CLOWNISH
COMEDIAN
COMEDY
FOOLISH
FUNNY
GAG
GAITY
GIGGLE
GRIN
GUFFAW
HAPPY

HILARIOUS
HUMOR
JEST
JOKES
MERRY
MIRTH
PLAYFUL
PRANK
RAUCOUS
RIDDLES
SMILE
TICKLE

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H N A I D E M O C M O P C

Did you know

"Limey" is an American nickname for a British sailor. It was first used when the Admiralty issued all sailors with lime juice to stop them falling ill with the dreaded disease, scurvy, which is caused by lack of Vitamin C. The name limey has stuck ever since.

THE first name Sarah was not very popular in its original form. Sarai which in Hebrew meant quarrelsome or difficult. The simple change of the last letter to 'h' meant that Sarah became immensely popular all over the world for it then came to mean Princess!

One of the earliest dinosaurs discovered by nineteenth-century investigators was the so-called Iguanodon. However, when they first tried to reassemble its bones, they made two unfortunate mistakes. To begin with they assembled the bones to show the animal walking on four legs; later evidence showed that it only walked on two. Then, finding an odd spiked bone left over, they attached this to the Iguanodon's head, making it look like a unicorn. It turned out that this spike was really a type of thumb, which should have been attached to the creature's hand.

The first underground car park built in Britain was opened in 1931 in Hastings.

THE last time that the notorious Paris prison, the Bastille, held any prisoners was on 14th of July, 1789 — the day when it was stormed at the beginning of the French Revolution. Not that there was a sudden mass of criminals escaping on the streets of Paris, because there were only seven captives inside at the time.

In 1912 the pilot of a biplane became the first to fly under all the bridges across the River Thames!

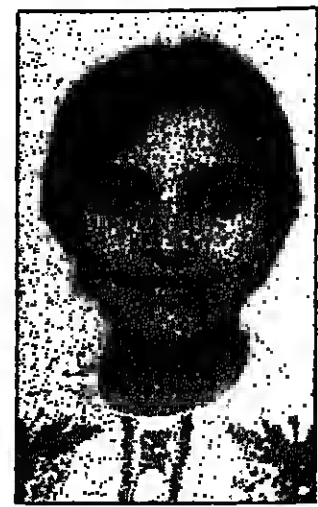
Alexei Leonov became the first man to float in space when he left Voskhod II for a short walk in March 1965.

London's first electric underground railway was opened in 1890.

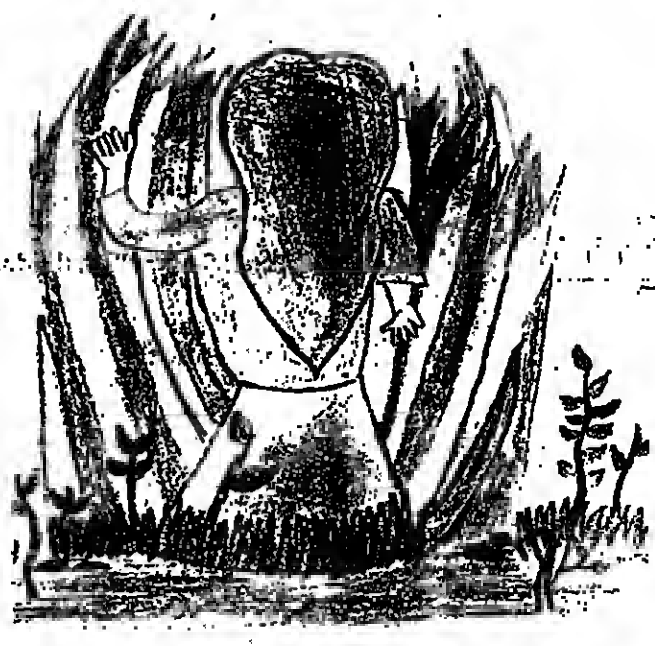
Out in the wilderness

Out in the wilderness,
Out in the night,
I heard
The hoot of an
Old owl cry,
"Look out
For the huntsman,
Look out for his gun,
He wants to kill us,
Oh, what have
We done wrong?"
I heard the shot,
I heard the cry,
And saw most terrified,
That the old owl
Had died.
I heard the cruel laugh
of the huntsman,
trampling proudly across the plain,
Shedding tears
To all
The wildlife
And destroying
The beauty
of trees.

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My brother

He was born on a land
Full of sun and sand.

When he was small he was
naughty
As he grew he became
haughty.

As he from me he was a
double,
Then for me became trouble.

If there was a fight,
He would always prove he
was right.

You can run, but you can't
hide,
Those were the lines he
chimed.

If I was stuck in a tuff position,
He would offer me a
decision.

If I would fall,
I would know who to call.

Sometimes he is very
annoying,
But sometimes he is very
funny.

Remember those happy
days,
Is all I can say.

They could never disappear,
Cause hearts are good for
souvenirs
I know someday we will
have to go our separate
ways.

I hope those days are still
far away.

Tell me how many sisters
have brothers as good as
him,
Let me tell you: I have one.
And he is a lot of fun.
He is the only one I love.



Faiza Mufti,
15 years old.

Firsts and lasts

THE Venetian composer, Antonio Vivaldi, was the first to write concertos for a number of orchestral instruments including the flute, the clarinet and the bassoon.

THE first international cricket match was played between Canada and the USA, hardly the leading cricketing countries today!

ALAN Shepard, the American in space, set another record when he became the first man to hit a golf ball on the moon!

THE first steam voyage to India was made in 1825.

WHEN the phrase "Mad as a hatter" was first coined it meant "as poisonous as a viper". The most poisonous snake in England was an adder or as we say now an adder. The phrase became most widely known through Lewis Carroll's book "Alice in Wonderland".

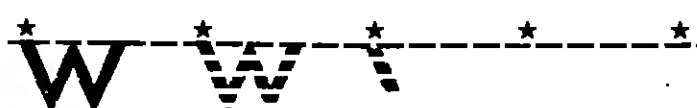
IN 1958 a nuclear-powered submarine sailed underneath the North Pole for the first time.



Nihaar
by Nihaar Huda
4 years old.



This is a w.
Here are some pictures of words that begin with w. Point to each picture. Say the words. Color the pictures. Trace the letter w with a pencil. Practice making the letter.



walrus



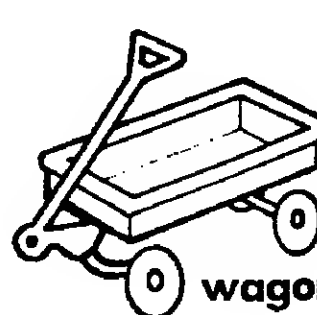
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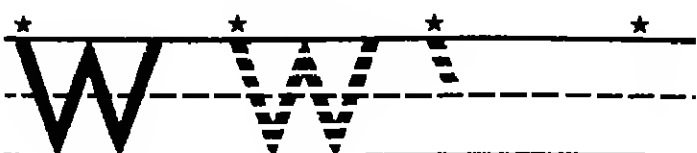
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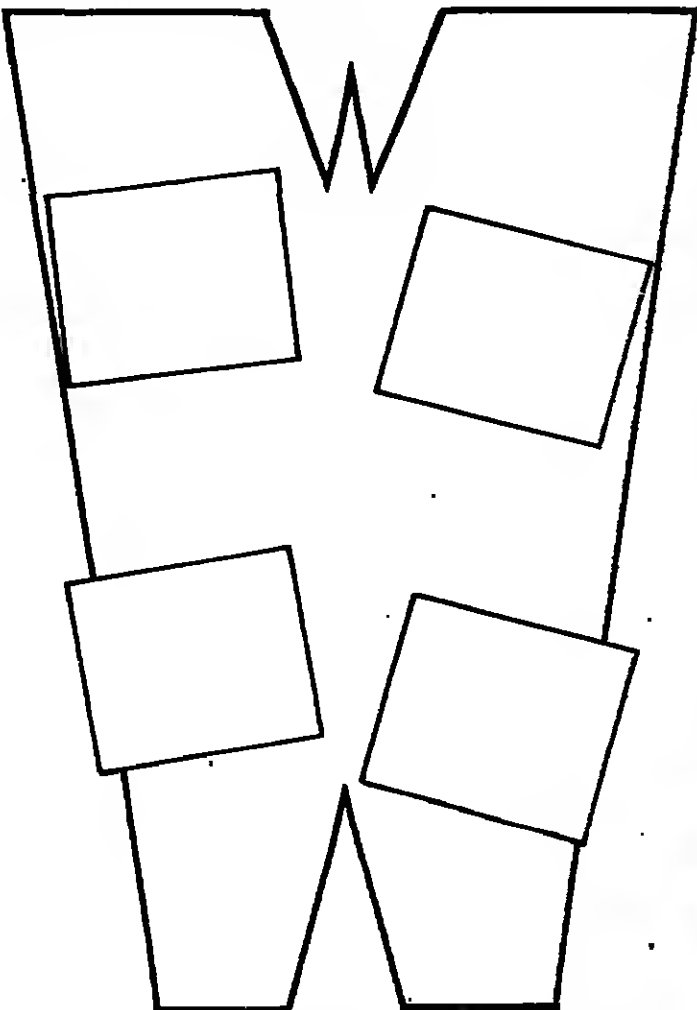
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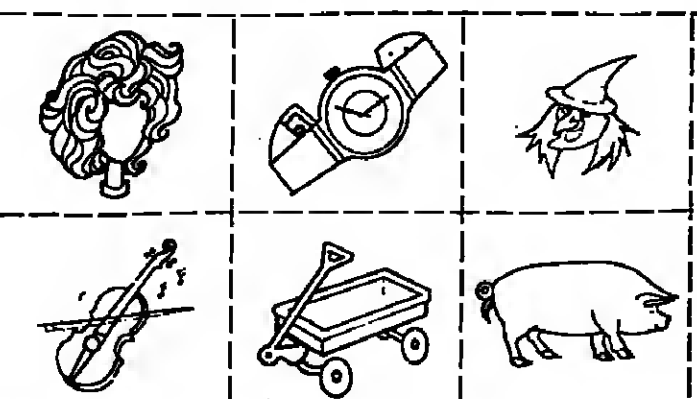
wig



Cut out pictures of things that begin with w.
Paste them on the letter.



Skills: Sound-letter association and letter-sound discrimination.
Cut on the dotted lines.



Amazing facts

In 1831 a boy of nine was hanged in England for arson.

A Hungarian wrote 32 lines of words on a single match stick.

It was claimed that a tiger shot by Colonel Jim Corbett in 1907 had killed 436 people in India.

All whales, porpoises, dolphins and sturgeon stranded on British shores must be offered to the Queen.

The human body contains enough phosphorus to make the heads of 2,000 matches, enough fat for seven bars of soap and enough iron to make one nail.

A 16-year old American did 6,006 press-ups in 3 hrs 54 minutes in 1965.

The first despatch from the Duke of Marlborough announcing his victory at Blenheim was written on the back of a tavern bill.

Originally the yo-yo was a Filipino jungle weapon.

A pride of 22 lions killed 1,500 Kenyans in one year.

Charles Frohman (1860-1915) was a Broadway producer, who owned a theatre, and controlled 5 others, managed 28 stars, and at his death left a net estate of \$451.

A horse has eighteen pairs of ribs, a human being has twelve.

Ambulances were developed by Napoleon's surgeon in Italian campaign of 1796-7.

King Alexander of Greece was bitten by a pet monkey in 1920 and died of blood poisoning.

Cars were first started by ignition in 1949.

Statuettes found in tombs in Changsha, China, revealed that the Chinese invented stirrups 1,675 years ago.

Crushed strawberries are useful for cleaning teeth and for relieving sunburn.

A snail can crawl over a razor-blade without cutting itself.

During their studies medical students increase their vocabulary by 10,000 words.

Almost one-eighth of the world's surface receives less than 25 cms (9.8ins) of rain a year.

Happy birthday



Dona Joseph Khalil celebrated her fifth birthday at the Entertainment City recently. She bravely took a turn at most of the games in the park before going home to blow out her birthday candles.

The young Lebanese hopes that she will celebrate her next birthday in a peaceful Lebanon.



Mohammed Akram turns 1 on July 18.



Anamica Choudhury turned 1 on July 12.



Sunil David turned 7 on July 15.



Look at the drawing and the fraction. Write a mixed number equal to the given fraction.

Example: $\frac{4}{3} = 1\frac{1}{3}$

A. $\frac{5}{4} = \frac{\quad}{\quad}$

B. $\frac{3}{2} = \frac{\quad}{\quad}$

C. $\frac{7}{4} = \frac{\quad}{\quad}$

Just for laughs

Why are parrots always clever? Because they suck seed (succeed).

Why are there no aspirins in the jungle? Because the parrots ate em all. (Paracetamol).

Peter! Stop pulling the dog's tail like that!
'But it's him that's doing the pulling, Mum!'

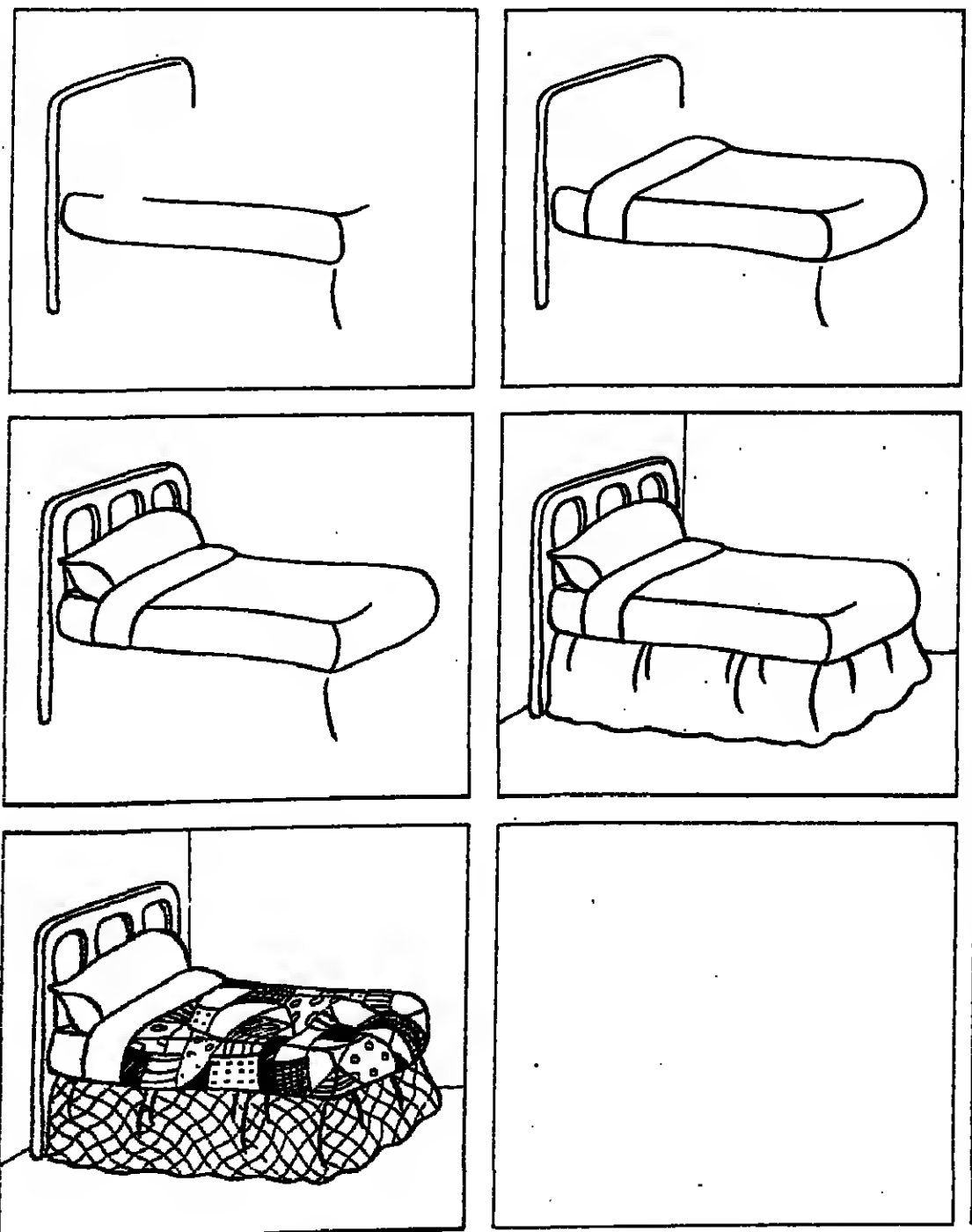
Why was the young kangaroo thrown out by his mother? For smoking in bed.

'When you go on a bus, do you prefer riding inside or on the top deck?'

'Well, I prefer on top but I find it very difficult to get the horse up the stairs....'

Bedtime!

Make the first four pictures look like Little Grey Rabbit's bed, by drawing in the missing lines. Then draw your own picture of her bed.

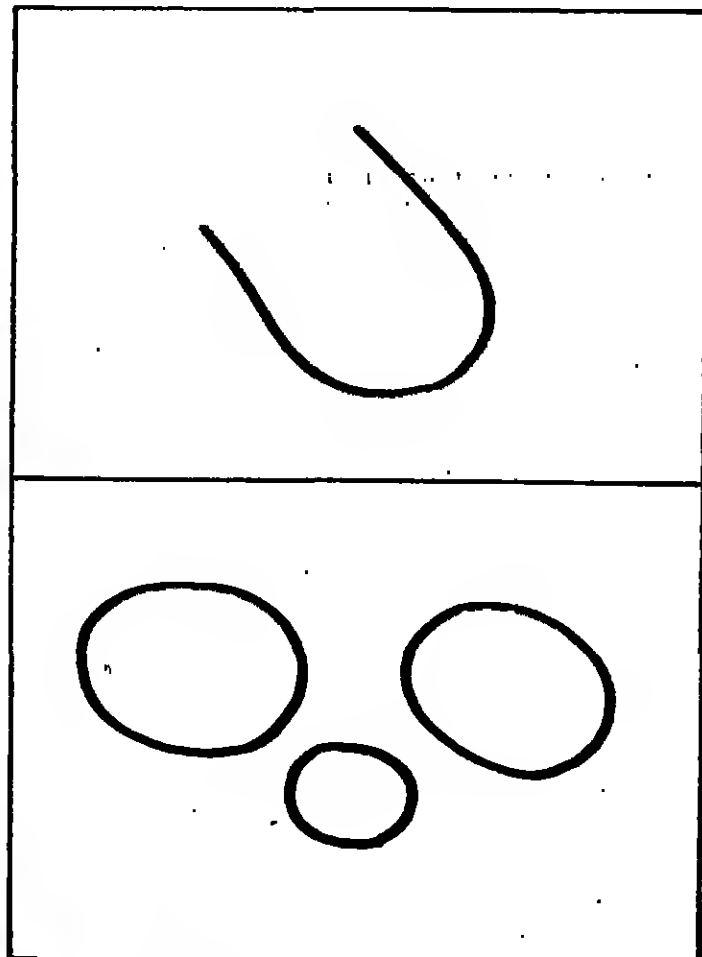


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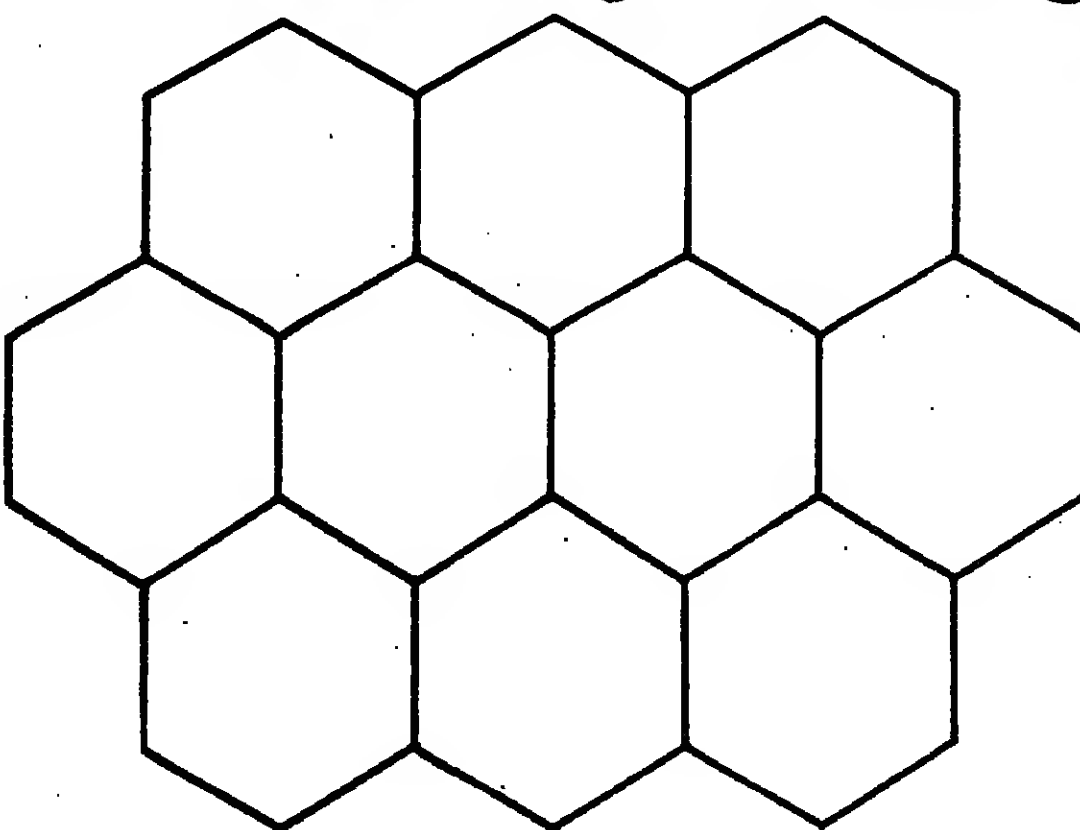


Draw and colour

Look at the lines in the boxes. Draw a picture using the lines as part of your picture. After you finish your picture, colour it.



Draw 10 bees in the honeycomb.



Sums

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| $6 + \square = 10$ | $\square + 5 = 10$ |
| $10 - \square = 3$ | $10 - \square = 4$ |
| $\square + 2 = 10$ | $0 + \square = 10$ |
| $10 - 6 = \square$ | $10 - \square = 6$ |
| $3 + \square = 10$ | $\square + 10 = 10$ |
| $10 - \square = 5$ | $10 - 10 = \square$ |
| $\square + 9 = 10$ | $8 + \square = 10$ |
| $10 - 9 = \square$ | $10 - \square = 7$ |
| $4 + \square = 10$ | $\square + 7 = 10$ |

Aldrich wins Hall of Fame tennis tourney

NEWPORT, Rhode Island, July 16, (UPI) — Unseeded Pieter Aldrich, catching fire after a disastrous year so far on the pro tour, defeated Darren Cahill 7-6 (12-10), 1-6, 6-1, yesterday to win the \$150,000 tennis Hall of Fame Championships.

Aldrich, who was ranked 171st in the world going into this lone grass court

stop on American circuit, collected \$21,600 in winning his first pro title. Aldrich's five victories this week were his first singles wins on the 1990 tour. "I came to Newport to try and relax and have fun, to have a vacation week," said Aldrich, a native of South Africa whose ranking is expected to jump to 117 when the next rankings are announced.

"Maybe I'll go on vacation all the time." After winning the lengthy tiebreaker in the first set, Aldrich's serve was broken in the fourth and sixth games of the second set. At 1-2, 30-30, a double-fault by Aldrich began a run in which Cahill won 13 of the final 15 points of the set. "He played pretty good early in the second set, then great, and maybe I was a

little sluggish after the tiebreaker," said Aldrich, who now lives in Palm Desert, Calif. "His second set was very good and my third set was very good."

Aldrich broke Cahill, ranked 86th, in the second and fourth games of the third set along the way to a 5-0 lead, winning nine straight points during one stretch.

Padres outclass Pirates

PITTSBURGH, July 16, (AP) — Ed Whitson extended his seven-year winning streak against Pittsburgh and San Diego hit three solo homers as the Padres beat the Pirates 4-1 yesterday in a Major League baseball game.

Eddie Williams, Tony Gwynn and Jack Clark homered for the Padres, who ended a four-game losing streak and the Pirates' four-game winning streak. Whitson allowed just four hits and struck out four in seven innings. He also benefitted from two double plays in improving his career record against Pittsburgh to 10-3.

Reds 2, Mets 1
Norm Charlton won his first start in two seasons and Eric Davis had a pair of RBI doubles for the Reds.

Charlton (7-4), promoted to the starting rotation, made his first start since Oct 1, 1988, when he was a rookie. He pitched four perfect innings, but tired in the fifth and sixth innings before reliever Rob Dibble came on in the seventh.

Charlton allowed two hits, struck out five and walked three. Mariano Duncan led off the Reds fourth with a double off Sid Fernandez (5-6) and Davis doubled him in two batters later. Duncan led off the sixth with a triple and Davis again doubled him home.

Cubs 5, Dodgers 1
Steve Wilson pitched the first complete game of his career and Dave Clark and Andre Dawson each drove in two runs as the Cubs snapped a six-game losing streak.

Wilson (3-5), making his first start since June 22, gave up six hits, tied a career-high with 10 strikeouts and didn't walk a batter.

Clark, getting a rare start, had an RBI single in the second inning and hit his second homer in the fourth off Tim Lincecum (7-7).

Astros 6, Phillies 1
Danny Darwin continued his mastery of Philadelphia and Javier Ortiz drove in two runs for the Astros.

Darwin (3-1) went seven innings, allowing one run on eight hits and striking out four. He improved his record against the Phillies at the Astrodome to 4-0 and lowered his career earned run average against Philadelphia to 1.61.

Expos 16, Braves 14
Andres Galaraga hit a three-run homer in the sixth inning and drove in the tie-breaking run with a ninth-inning single as Montreal won a slugfest with Atlanta.

| American League | | | |
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| Kansas City | 13 | Boston | 4 |
| Chicago | 8 | New York | 5 |
| Minnesota | 10 | Baltimore | 2 |
| Detroit | 3 | Texas | 2 |
| Oakland | 4 | Milwaukee | 1 |
| Seattle | 7 | Cleveland | 0 |
| California | 3 | Toronto | 2 |

| National League | | | |
|-----------------|----|--------------|----|
| San Diego | 4 | Pittsburgh | 1 |
| Montreal | 16 | Atlanta | 14 |
| Cincinnati | 2 | New York | 1 |
| Chicago | 3 | Los Angeles | 1 |
| Houston | 5 | Philadelphia | 1 |
| San Francisco | 5 | St. Louis | 3 |

Capriati clinches crown

Fairbank fails to stop 14-year-old sensation



Capriati wins first professional crown

CONWAY, New Hampshire, July 16, (AP) — Jennifer Capriati now has a victory to go with her Grand Slam near misses.

The 14-year-old sensation won her first pro tennis title yesterday with a 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 victory over Ros Fairbank in the finals of the Mount Cranmore International.

Before this exhibition, Capriati, of Tampa, Florida, made an impressive European debut by reaching the Wimbledon quarterfinals and the French Open semifinals. Since turning pro in March, Capriati had reached the finals in two other events.

Asked how this compared to her Grand Slam experiences, Capriati said, "It definitely ranks high, especially because I won it — so this will be in my memory."

Capriati represents the United States this week in the Federation Cup in Atlanta before participating in the US Open in late August.

Capriati had another first yesterday when she teamed with Fairbank to win her first doubles final. They defeated Kathy Rinaldi and Laura Gildemeister 6-4, 7-6 (7-5).

She got off to a shaky start against Fairbank — at 29 more than twice Capriati's age — losing the first two games due to double faults and unforced errors. But she broke Fairbank in the fifth game and went on to easily win the first set.

Fairbank kept Capriati on the run in sweltering 90-degree Fahrenheit (32 Celsius) temperatures, broke the 13th-ranked player's serve twice and blew four set points before finally evening the match.

Fairbank said she felt good going into the third set because she had come from behind, but suddenly got tired in the heat that Capriati said didn't bother her in the match which lasted 1 hour, 44 minutes.

"The fans have been very enthusiastic and that's been nice. It would have been nice if I got some of that support. (But) it was the fairy tale story... everybody wanted Jennifer to take her first title at Mount Cranmore," Fairbank said.

Capriati, who won \$25,000, took charge in the deciding set, breaking twice to pull ahead 4-1. Fairbank held serve to cut the lead to 5-3 before losing when she hit long.

Capriati attributed the second-set loss to Fairbank picking up momentum with her strong serve and more unforced errors on her part.

"I tried different stuff in the third set... I came to the net, I even hit a drop shot," she said.

In previous finals, Capriati, who at 13 was the youngest woman to turn pro, lost to Gabriela Sabatini in her pro debut at Virginia Slims of Florida and to Martina Navratilova at Hilton Head.

Al Malki 29th overall

CARDIFF, Wales, July 16, (AP) — Saudi Arabia's Mohammed Al Malki, driving a Marlboro-sponsored Ford Escort, finished 29th in his class and won the best international competitor award in the Hafren Welsh Rally on Sunday.

Despite being under strict team instructions to simply finish the Welsh Championship event which marked his European rally debut, the Saudi ace managed to finish in 29th place overall out of 70 starters.

"As it was a blind rally with no pace notes it was very difficult for me to understand what to expect on the road ahead," said Marlboro-backed Al Malki.

The defending Group 2 Marlboro Desert Challenge title holder was partnered by twice rally champion Roger Jones, who was loud in his praise for the Arab driver. "He has a lot of natural talent and with more European events can get better results," said Jones.



Al Malki (right) with Jones.

Al Malki, who was awarded No. 42 as a starting position, got off to a slow start in the six-stage one-day Welsh championship event. On the opening stage of eight and half miles, he hit the rear of his car on a gate and on

special stage 4 suffered a puncture. At the finish the Saudi driver's total time was 39.18 while the overall winner, local driver Derek Carless, also in a Ford Escort, clocked the time of 34.33.

Italians dominate fencing championships

LYON, France, July 16, (AP) — Andrea Borella won a silver medal in the men's foil and Angelo Mazzoni a silver in the men's epee, leading the Italian team to a dominating 10 medals in the World Fencing Championships, including golds in men's fencing and foil and women's foil.

The Italian men placed in each of the individual and team disciplines while the women only missed in the individual epee in the championships, which

ended yesterday. The West Germans matched Italy's gold medal haul, led by 28-year-old Thomas Gerull victory in the men's epee competition and Anja Fitchel's title in the women's foil. The Germans won its other gold, one of four medals overall, in the women's team epee.

"We knew we could get good results in this world championship," said Italian coach Attilio Fini.

Mayweather tames Ali

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, July 16, (AP) — Roger Mayweather outthrust Terrence Ali to capture a freewheeling 10-round junior welterweight bout by a unanimous decision yesterday.

Mayweather, who formerly held world titles in the junior lightweight and junior welterweight divisions, captured his most significant victory in 14 months. Mayweather, who lost his World Boxing Council 140-pound (42.7-kilogram) title to Julio Cesar Chavez last May, won his third straight bout.

Mayweather, 37-6 with 24 knockouts, peppered Ali repeatedly with left hooks to the body. Using a significant reach advantage, he kept Ali outside and forced his opponent to lunge.

"I adjusted to the way he was coming at me," said Mayweather, of Las Vegas, Nevada. "He had his hand up by his head, I guess he wanted to walk through me. That left him open to the left hook to the body."

"I had to punch a lot on Angels today instead of straight up the middle because that's what he was offering me," he said.

Ali, of New York, fell to 44-7-2 with 18 knockouts. "I could have had this fight back, I would move more laterally," he said.



John McEnroe: Back in action

McEnroe aims to regain form

WASHINGTON, July 16, (AP) — John McEnroe begins his latest, and what he says may be his most critical, comeback attempt, when the Sovran Bank Classic opens today.

Andre Agassi is the top seed in the \$415,800 event, the first in the US summer hard-court season leading to next month's US Open.

McEnroe, a former No. 1-ranked player, has slipped to 12th in the rankings and is fighting at 31 to recover some of his past luster. He's seeded third in Washington.

"If I take a couple of steps in the wrong direction, in my opinion, I'll be out of tennis in six months," McEnroe said after his first-round loss at Wimbledon last month.

Also leading the 56-player field are No. 6 Brad Gilbert — seeded second — defending champ Tim Mayotte and Michael Chang. Aaron Krickstein and Jimmy Connors both withdrew due to injuries.

Agassi is trying to keep up the 1990 momentum that was highlighted by his runner-up finish in the French Open, his best showing in a Grand Slam event.

Chang, like McEnroe, is trying to reverse a slide. The 1980 French Open champion is ranked 22nd. "I see the Sovran Bank Classic as a being a great opportunity to help get ready for the US Open," said Chang.

That's the kind of talk tournament officials had hoped to hear more of when they switched to hard courts from clay four years ago.

But many players have been put off by Washington's cruel mid-summer weather, with humidity that can reach almost 100 per cent as the temperature nears 100 degrees Fahrenheit (38 Celsius). On court, the temperature often clears 100 (38C) and inages in past tournaments have included such sights as Uruguay's Diego Perez dumping a large bucket of ice water over his head before refusing to continue play.

Rain has ravaged the schedule. The finals were postponed for a day the last two years.

Yachting Grand Prix planned

LONDON, July 16, (AP) — An international Formula One class world yachting Grand Prix will begin in Scotland in August next year before sweeping across the globe with \$1 million prize money at stake, organisers said today.

The first series of races, open only to identical high-tech yachts, will be held in the Firth of Clyde near Glasgow, said John Mitchell, director of Challenge Group, which is organising the British leg.

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A.J. Foyt, ignoring the smothering humidity of the partly sunny afternoon, finished fifth, five laps behind, for his best finish of the season.

Michael Andretti, coming up with his 12th career victory, averaged 97.290 mph (155.664 kph) in the race slowed by two caution flags. He won \$80,781.

Indy-car rookie Mike Groff brought out the first caution when he hit one of the concrete barriers on lap 27.

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Prost rubs it in after British GP victory

SILVERSTONE, England, July 16, (AP) — Alain Prost couldn't resist the opportunity to rub it in the face of his former colleagues. Prost had just driven his Ferrari to victory in the British Grand Prix, the first triumph for the famed Italian manufacturer

in the race since 1978. The victory moved the three-time world champion to the top of this season's standings, two points ahead of bitter rival Ayrton Senna of the McLaren-Honda team. Prost won the title last year for McLaren, then

defected to Ferrari. "It looks like the McLaren is not as good as it was last year," Prost said. "Ferrari is going quite well at the moment." But not all was well at Ferrari. After the race, veteran driver Nigel Mansell said he will retire

at the end of the season. "It is the hardest decision of my life. Everyone thinks I'm crazy," said Mansell, who has won 15 Grand Prix races but none since last summer. "It's my final decision and I will not reconsider."

Mansell, who led for 25 laps yesterday but was passed by Prost and then dropped out with mechanical problems, has been plagued this year by car facilities.

But he said his decision to retire, and give up his quest for a world championship, was based on months of consideration and not on his disappointment with recent events at Ferrari.

Prost won his third consecutive Grand Prix, the first time he has accomplished that in an 11-year career, and increased his record to 43 victories.

The 35-year-old Frenchman, nicknamed "The Professor" for his driving acumen, is seeking to become only the second racer to claim four or more Grand Prix titles. Juan-Manuel Fangio of Argentina had five in the 1950s.

Confident
"I am optimistic for the championship, but there is still much to do," Prost said. "Everything is going quite well and even when I start fifth on the grid I am confident."

Prost's winning time was 1 hour, 18 minutes, 30.999 seconds for the 190-mile (306-kilometre) race. Thierry Boutsen finished 39 seconds behind Prost in a Williams-Renault, followed by Senna in a McLaren-Honda.

Prost, the first Ferrari driver to win the British Grand Prix since Carlos Reutemann in 1978, took the lead from Mansell on the 43rd lap around the 2.97-mile (4.78-kilometre) circuit and was never caught.

Senna, who like Boutsen said he was bothered yesterday by tyre problems, admitted McLaren no longer enjoyed sharp advantages over its competitors.

"Right now we are all very level," he said. "This championship has a long way to go. It will be very interesting."

Change
McLaren managing director Ron Dennis, whose firm still leads Ferrari by 10 points in the team standings, cannot boast the leading driver but hopes that will change in two weeks at the German Grand Prix in Hockenheim.

"It is an unusual feeling not to be leading the Drivers' World Championship for the first time since 1987," he said. "We'll just have to work harder before Hockenheim."



Prost (centre) celebrates after his victory. (Reuters wirephoto)



The Kuwait Sea Sport Club squad.

Filipino squad to take on KSSC

THE Kuwait Pinoy Basketball League (KPBL) has announced that a team of Kuwaitis will for the first time play alongside Filipinos in an exhibition match at the Kheifan Gym on Friday.

The Kuwaiti team, Kuwait Sea Sport Club (KSSC), in its match against the Filipino squad will provide a preview of things to come in the Open/Expatriates Basketball Invitational set for Aug. 3.

The Kuwait Sea Sport Club basketball team is expected to provide the Filipino team a very tough challenge, as the team boasts taller and equally talented players. In an interview, the team captain Emad said that the whole team was delighted to be participating in such a sports meet as the KPBL.

The All Filipino team is being sponsored by Durrani International Exchange Co Ltd, a firm specialising in money transfers, to the whole of the Philippine Islands. This was confirmed by the firm's managing director, Sarfaraz Khan Durrani.

Dingson, Jojo Dayao, Joe Batac, Gery Ungco, En Domingo, Tony Zalavaria and Edwin Castro, head coach. Danny Caoli, assistant coach Freddie Quines, team manager Sarfaraz Khan Durrani and team representatives, Cris Prillo, Albert Arriola and Edgar Espiritu.

Game time is 12:30 pm and several distinguished guests from the Philippine Embassy here in Kuwait, including Dr Maunag M. Tamano (Philippine Ambassador) and his brother Philippine Senator Maminta Abdul Jabbar Tamano, who is on an official visit to Kuwait.

Basketball games scheduled for Friday, July 20, 1990.

8:00 am Pizza Italia vs Kalekco
9:30 am Kellogg vs Kirby
11:00 am Kuwait International Hotel vs Nissan Al Babbain
12:30 pm Durrani International R.P. Team vs Kuwait Sea Sport Club
2:00 pm Overland vs N.I.C.
3:30 pm Kuwait Regency Palace vs Hasawi Eagles
5:00 pm Trend Wave vs Al Wajly.

Douglas and King settle breach of contract lawsuit out of court

COLUMBUS, Ohio, July 16, (AP): World heavyweight boxing champion James "Buster" Douglas said last night he has agreed to a financial settlement in his breach of contract suit naming promoter Don King, according to a published report.

"I am totally relieved in one sense.

And that is that I am free of Don King," Douglas told the Columbus Dispatch. He spoke by telephone from New York, where the US District Court trial was to have entered its third week today.

"On the other hand, I would just like to say Don did an awful lot of

lying on the witness stand," Douglas said. "I got to say my piece briefly (for 35 minutes) on Friday, but I didn't get to get totally into it."

"I was prepared to expose this man for what he is."

Instead, the two sides — Douglas' owner Steve Wynn — decided yesterday to settle out of court. Attempts to reach King early today were fruitless.

Terms were not disclosed, but it is believed King and Atlantic City, New Jersey, hotel-casino owner Donald Trump, who claimed to have contractual rights through King for Douglas'

fight with top contender Evander Holyfield, are to be paid a total of \$7 million.

In return, King won't have anything to do with the Douglas-Holyfield fight, tentatively set for Sept 21 at Wynn's The Mirage Hotel-Casino. King will be the promoter of

note for Douglas' rematch with former champion Mike Tyson that will follow next year at the Mirage, but he will have no ties with Douglas.

"A settlement by no means means admission of guilt, certainly not in this case," Douglas said. "It's just a thing of getting on with life and get-

ting all of this behind us."

Last February, Douglas shocked the world with a 10th-round knockout of the heavily favoured Tyson in Tokyo. Douglas had risen from an eighth-round knockout to take the undisputed world heavyweight crown.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Hockey games

THE hockey games, played on the Ahmadi grounds and organised by the Unity Cricket and Hockey Association, have been temporarily suspended due to the summer weather. All pending finals will be played in September prior to the commencement of the 1990-91 season. The team managers and secretaries should contact Mohammed Naeem Janjua, Tel No. 3984175 (011) or 3987013 (residence) during the last week of August to confirm their participation in the next season.

Local bridge

RESULTS of the Regency Bridge Club game held on Sunday evening:

1. Jamila Akel & Nabil Akel

2. Dhruva Mukerjee & Adel Bayoumi

3. Bianca Mousali & Ahmed Tawil

Ban upheld

BERNE, July 16, (Reuters): The European Football Union (UEFA) said today it had upheld a five-match ban on Romanian Florin Raducioiu and a four-match suspension on his Dinamo Bucharest teammate Michael Klein. Klein was sent off in the first leg of the Cup Winners' Cup semi-final against Belgium's Anderlecht on April 4 and Raducioiu, who will move to Italian first division side Bari next season, received a red card in the second leg two weeks later.

Rule condemned

LONDON, July 16, (Reuters): A 22-year-old Englishwoman is complaining to the world rowing body FISA about a rule that bars women from coxing male crews in international events. Bryony Carpenter, who hoped to cox for Britain in the under-23 world rowing championships in Austria in two weeks time, said the rule was "blatant discrimination" against women.

Qualifying record

SCOTSCRAIG, Scotland, July 16, (Reuters): Welshman Mark Mouland set a British Open golf qualifying record today with a 10 under par 61. Mouland shot 11 birdies and one bogey to beat the previous best of 63, held by four players. Eleven equals the European tour record for birdies. The 61 gave the Welshman a 36-hole total of 139, 13 under par, and a place in his first St Andrews Open, starting on Thursday.

Title fight

SYDNEY, July 16, (Reuters): Australian Jeff Fenech's ill-health has given Azumah Nelson an early chance to regain his World Boxing Council (WBC) super-featherweight title. Fenech was to fight Puerto Rican Juan LaPorte in Sydney on Saturday for the vacant title but the unbeaten Australian withdrew after falling sick for the second time in two months.

Cameroon player

MADRID, July 16, (Reuters): Cameroon World Cup midfielder Cyrille Makanaky has signed a three-year contract with Malaga to the Spanish second division, a club spokesman said today. He gave no details of the cost of the transfer of 25-year-old Makanaky from French second division side Toulouse to Malaga, relegated from the first division last season.

Hataksky wins

SUTTON, Massachusetts, July 16, (AP): Morris Hataksky birdied three of the last four holes and won the \$900,000 Bank of Boston classic by one stroke yesterday for his first PGA victory in two years. After dropping two strokes behind with a bogey on the 14th hole, Hataksky rebounded to finish with a 3-under 68 and a 9-under 275 total at the Pleasant Valley Country Club.

King triumphs

DULUTH, Georgia, July 16, (AP): Betsy King overcame an 11-shot deficit over the final 33 holes to win her second consecutive US Women's Open yesterday as Patty Sheehan let an eight-shot lead slip away over the final 23 holes. Rain forced a final day with 36 holes of play and King shot 71 and 70 for a 4-under-par 284 total and the one-shot victory over Sheehan, who had rounds of 75 and 76 yesterday.

\$7.23m deal

BUDAPEST, July 16, (UPI): Hungarian soccer player Lajos Detari, who yesterday signed with Italian League side Bologna, said the deal ends years of life on the wrong track. According to the Budapest daily newspaper Mai Nap, the transfer fee for Detari will total 12 million Deutsch marks (\$7.23 million).

Injury problems

PARIS, July 16, (UPI): Frenchman Laurent Fignon, a two-time Tour de France winner and runner-up last year, won't ride in the World Cycling Championship in September because of continuing injury problems.

Sports minister

BUDAPEST, July 16, (UPI): A former sports consultant to the Canadian Sports Ministry, Reszoo Galloway, replaces Tamas Tibor as Hungary's Minister of Sports, the official state news agency MTI said today. Galloway, a former Hungarian water polo international, spent the last five years advising the Canadian Sports Ministry, the agency said.

Chiappucci stays ahead

Mottet wins 15th stage of Tour



Mottet raises his arms in victory after winning the 15th stage. (Reuters wirephoto)

REVEL, France, July 16, (AP): Claudio Chiappucci added three seconds to his slim lead in the Tour de France today, as the leaders rode a conservative 15th stage and allowed France's Charles Mottet to win the leg by nearly five minutes.

Greg LeMond, Eric Breukink and Pedro Delgado finished the relatively flat 170-kilometre (105.5 mile) leg from Millau to Revel just behind Chiappucci, leaving the top of the standings virtually unchanged.

The overall leader improved his margin to 1.52 over Breukink, 2.24 over LeMond and 4.29 over Delgado with six stages remaining.

Mottet finished the stage in 4 hours, 13 minutes, 56 seconds, averaging a fast 40 kph (25 mph). Temperatures cooled slightly with a gentle breeze but temperatures were still close to 27 degrees Celsius (80 Fahrenheit).

Tomorrow's stage, rated the second most difficult of the tour with three major climbs in the Pyrenees mountains on the way to Luz Ardiden.

Although Chiappucci has the yellow jersey, LeMond regards Breukink and Delgado as the major rivals before the Tour concludes Sunday in Paris on the Champs Elysees.

Tomorrow's leg will be relatively flat for the first 150 kilometres (97.5 miles) of the 215-kilometre (133.5-mile) stage.

Then it gets difficult — very difficult.

Of three consecutive climbs, one is a first category followed by two rated "out of category," ranked on the angle of grade, length and difficulty.

First is the Aspin Peak, almost 1,500 metres high (4,900 feet). Then comes the Tourmalet Peak, about 1,700 metres (5,600), the highest main road in the Pyrenees.

Finally comes Luz Ardiden. The 16th stage is the third longest of the 1990 tour and has some history. The first two passes were part of the first Pyrenean crossing in 1910.

LeMond, the two-time champion, feels that the key to the race will be the final two mountain stages, especially the route to Luz Ardiden.

Delgado will be especially dangerous. The Spaniard is a noted climber and very motivated this year. He will have a number of home country supporters as the Tour enters the mountain range that borders France and Spain.

But LeMond isn't afraid.

"I prefer it to be tough," LeMond said. "Usually I am very consistent. When I have a weak day, I usually don't manage to lose time. I am counting on Luz Ardiden to make the difference."

LeMond is not anxious to tell his strategy in going up to the mountain. "If I told it, everybody would know," LeMond said.

Taylor will aim to become most track-suited manager

LONDON, July 16, (UPI): Graham Taylor, the new manager of the English national soccer team, promised today to be "the most track-suited manager England ever had."

Speaking at his inaugural press conference after being confirmed in the new position only last Sunday, Taylor said: "I have never been able to totally understand previous England managers saying that one of the greatest problems about the job is that you don't see a certain group of players for three months between internationals."

"If the players can't come to you, you have to go to them. One of my first jobs will be to contact (English) League club managers and explain some of my thinking to them."

Taylor said he will offer to supervise training sessions at any of England's top clubs if it will help him to keep in contact with the players who will wear the England colours at international level.

"What I would like to do is ask the managers if I can come to training and take a session if they want me to," he said.

"I hope the managers will say 'let him come.' There are so many myths about international football, but we are all people with football's interests at heart."

"I'd like people to look back and say that when Graham Taylor came along he ended up being the most track-suited manager England ever had."

Taylor, who led Aston Villa to second place in the English League last season, has signed a £600,000 (\$1,074 million) four-year contract with the English Football Association. He replaces Bobby Robson, who resigned his position after the World Cup finals to take up the position of head coach at leading Dutch club PSV Eindhoven.



Hagi gets married

Romanian World Cup soccer star Gheorghe Hagi (left), nicknamed the "Maradona of the Carpathians," leads his childhood sweetheart Elena after marrying her in Constanta, Romania, on Sunday. (Reuters wirephoto)

St Andrews' old course most revered by golfers

ST ANDREWS, Scotland, July 16, (Reuters): The old course at St Andrews may not be the best or even the best-loved on the British Open golf championship rota. But it is undoubtedly the most revered, existing as it does in the historical home of the game.

It has produced some of the finest finishes in Open history and its list of champions reads like a who's who of golfing greats.

The last time it was held here, in 1984, Spain's Seve Ballesteros won a dramatic battle with American Tom Watson that was settled on the fiendishly difficult 17th — the road hole.

Ballesteros made bogey five times there in the first three rounds and vowed to make par on the last day. He duly did, with a magnificent six-iron second out of the rough onto the narrow green.

Watson, playing behind, hit a fine drive but misjudged his second, winding up against the stone wall on the other side of the road.

He took a bogey five, the battle was over, and Watson, despite five earlier British Open triumphs, has never been the same player since.



Ballesteros (left) won a dramatic battle against Watson on the old course in 1984.

Ballesteros' total of 276, 12 under par, was the lowest in 23 opens at St Andrews.

In 1978, American Jack Nicklaus won an Open just as famous for Japanese golfer Tommy Nakajima's nine at the road hole after he had reached the green in two. He struck his put too softly and it slid off into the deep road hole

bunker, from which he took four more shots to escape.

Eight years earlier in 1970 Nicklaus won another Open of high drama, though he seemed to have no chance when fellow-American Doug Sanders stood over a two-foot putt for victory on the 72nd hole.

But Sanders somehow missed

and Nicklaus beat him in the playoff by one stroke.

Another American, the flamboyant "Champagne Tony" Lema, captured the 1964 open by a healthy five strokes. Sadly, he and his wife were killed in an air crash two years later.

Kel Nagle of Australia won the centenary Open in 1960 and

in the process recorded the only pound of 67 ever carried by an Open champion at St Andrews. But his victory will be recalled frequently this week because the man he nosed out for the title was American Arnold Palmer.

That was Palmer's first visit to the Open — he then won in 1961 and 1962. This year's Open is to be the last for the man whose magnetism and enthusiasm are credited with making the tournament the superlative event it is today.

The Open was first played at St Andrews in 1873 and won by Tom Kidd.

Over the next 23 years, until a five-year interruption caused by the World War I, the title was won a record six times by Harry Vardon.

There were four opens at St Andrews between the wars and without doubt the outstanding winner of those four was American Bobby Jones in 1927.

He led from start to finish and never looked to any danger. Three years later he went on to win what was then the Grand Slam of golf, the British and US Opens and Amateur Championships.

Results

At the Oval: Surrey beat Middlesex by 68 runs. Surrey 228 for six innings closed (D. Bicknell 75, D. Ward 60, G. Thorpe 41). Mid-



Graeme Hick

dersex 160 in 33.2 overs (M. Ramprakash 60, M. Roseberry 48; M. Bicknell four for 14, Waqar Younis four for 27). Surrey four points.

At Knypersley: Derbyshire beat Leicestershire by 118 runs. Derbyshire 222 for five innings closed (B. Roberts 77 not out, A. Kuiper 42). Leicestershire 104 in 28 overs (D. Malcolm four for 21). Derbyshire four points.

At Old Trafford: Lancashire beat Worcestershire by seven wickets. Worcestershire 157 for eight innings closed (G. Hick 42, M. Watkinson four for 30). Lancashire 160 for three in 30.1 overs (G. Lloyd 65 not out). Lancashire four points.

At Edgbaston: Glamorgan beat Warwickshire by seven wickets. Warwickshire 141 in 39.4 overs (Asif Din 46, S. Watkin five for 23). Glamorgan 142 for three in 34 overs (M. Maynard 61 not out). Glamorgan four points.

At Scarborough: Yorkshire beat Somerset by 16 runs. Yorkshire 227 for five innings closed (M. Moxon 105, R. Blakey 52). Somerset 211 in 39.4 overs (S. Cook 52, C. Pickles four for 36). Yorkshire four points.

At Swindon: Gloucestershire beat Sussex by one wicket. Sussex 210 in 34.5 overs (N. Lenham 65, M. Speight 60). Gloucestershire 214 for nine innings closed (K. Curran 52, R. Romaines 47). Gloucestershire four points.

Derbyshire share lead

LONDON, July 16, (Reuters): England fast bowler Devon Malcolm demonstrated his value to his county Derbyshire as he propelled them into joint leadership of the English Sunday League with Middlesex.

Malcolm, whose captain Kim Barnett warned England this week not to overuse their new star asset, equalled his best Sunday figures by taking four for 21 to skittle Leicestershire out for 104 and give Derbyshire a crushing victory by 118 runs. Bruce Roberts hit 77 in the winning total of 222 for five.

Derbyshire now have a game in hand over joint leaders Middlesex who went down to only their third defeat in the season against London neighbours Surrey.

Brothers Darren and Martin Bicknell did most of the damage for Surrey, Darren making 75 off 100 balls and Martin then claiming four for 14 to set up a 68-run victory. Pakistani paceman Waqar Younis also took four for 27 as Middlesex slumped to 160 all out.

Lancashire proved their Benson and Hedges Cup Cup victory over Worcestershire on Saturday was no fluke as they coasted to a seven-wicket win over the same opponents at Old Trafford.

Mike Watkinson again proved the main threat in Worcestershire's side, gating four for 30 as the visitors were restricted to 157 for eight. An unbeaten 65 from Graham Lloyd saw Lancashire home with 10 overs to spare.

Recalled England batsman David Gower warmed up for this week's one-day international against India with an unbeaten 66 in Hampshire's seven-run win over Nottinghamshire.

Current Test captain Graham Gooch was less fortunate, being run out for naught off the second ball of Essex's innings against bottom-of-the-table Northamptonshire. Essex had the last laugh, passing their target of 233 with 10 balls to spare thanks to a rapid 61 in 35 balls from Derek Pringle.

English Sunday League cricket table after the latest round of matches (tabulate under — played, won, lost, tied, no result, points):

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| Kent | 10 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 28 |
| Lancashire | 11 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 28 |
| Notts | 11 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 24 |
| Hampshire | 11 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 24 |
| Gloucestershire | 11 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 22 |
| Yorkshire | 11 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 22 |
| Essex | 10 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 20 |
| Surrey | 10 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 20 |
| Somerset | 11 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 20 |
| Glamorgan | 10 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 18 |
| Warwickshire | 10 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 16 |
| Worcester | 11 | 4 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 16 |
| Sussex | 10 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 14 |
| Leicestershire | 11 | 3 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| Northants | 10 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 8 |

At Chelmsford: Essex beat Northamptonshire by six wickets. Northamptonshire 233 for seven innings closed (A. Fordham 74, D. Carel 56). Essex 239 for four in 38.2 overs (J. Stephenson 66, D. Pringle 61 not out, M. Waugh 53). Essex four points.

At Southampton: Hampshire beat Nottinghamshire by seven runs. Hampshire 267 for six innings closed (R. Smith 77, D. Gower 66 not out, R. Scott 55, M. Nicholas 46 not out). Nottinghamshire 260 for eight innings closed (C. Broad 86, T. Robinson 44; J. Ayling four for 37). Hampshire four points.

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Worcestershire cricket chairman Duncan Fearnley hit back today at media claims that Zimbabwean Graeme Hick lacked a big match temperament.

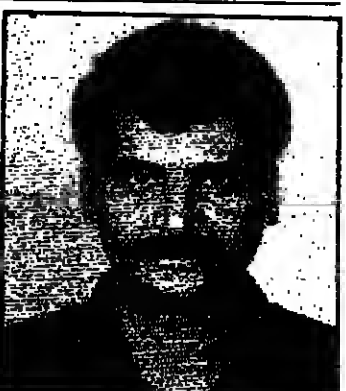
The 24-year-old qualifies for England next year but failed to impress when he scored just one run for his county in Saturday's Benson and Hedges Cup final against Lancashire.

Often a big-hitter, Hick has failed to shine on one or two major occasions this season after breaking his finger.

"I have watched the guy for six or seven years and there is no doubt in my mind about his temperament," said Fearnley. "I am sure when he gets into the big time with England he is capable of stepping his game up to meet the demands of the occasion and will get his fair share of runs."



Latif 55 runs



Saleem: 11 runs for 12

Eleven Star beat Trishul

ELEVEN Star Cricket Club scored an easy 112-run victory over Trishul Cricket Club at the Shuwaikh ground earlier this week in Ramble Summer League match.

After winning the toss, Eleven Star opted to make first use of the wicket, opening their innings through Latif and Hanif who put on 39 runs for the first wicket before the latter was out for 15. Wahab and Latif took the score to 69 in 14 overs before the former was out for 17. Latif top-scored with 55 as Eleven Star reached 157 in the 25 allotted overs. Essa chipped in with 12 while Saleem hit 10.

For Trishul, Augustin was the most successful bowler with three wickets for 31. Dileep took two for 20 while Parash and Mukesh picked up a scalp each.

In reply Trishul were all out for 45 runs. Wahab had started the rot by taking a wicket off his first ball and Saleem took on from there to take his side to victory.

Saleem finished with three wickets for 12 runs while Wahab took two for six. Raju two for nine and Latif one for 10.

Eleven Star will now meet DHL Cricket Club.